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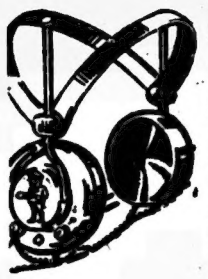

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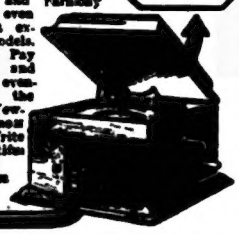

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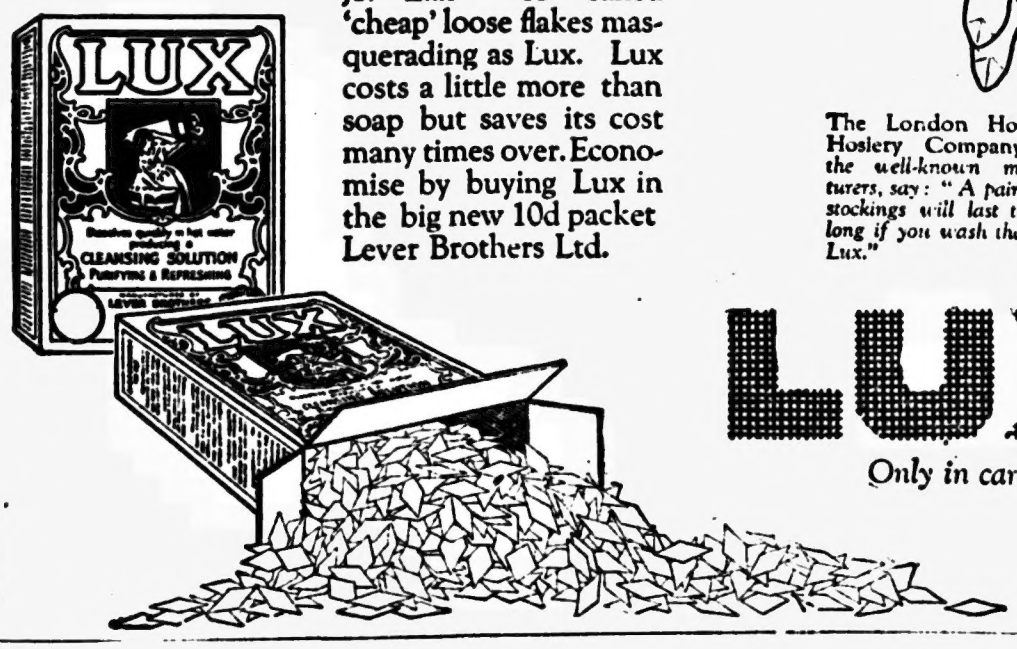

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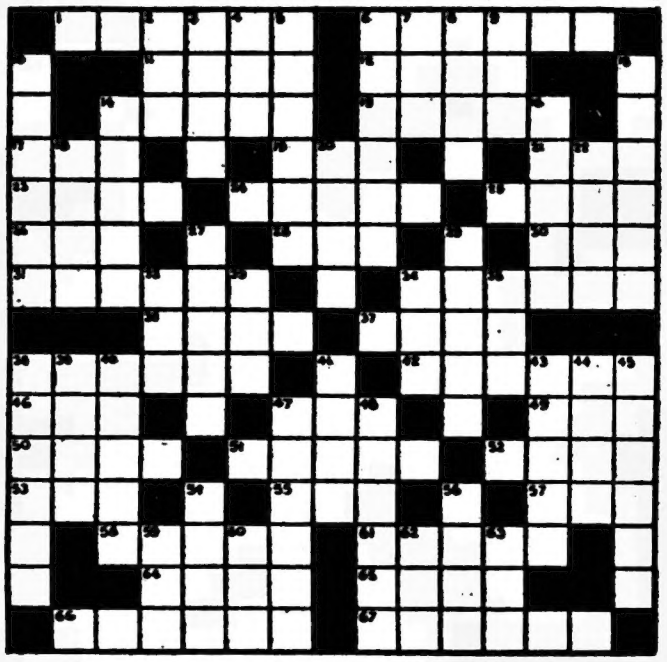
The solution to last week's Puzzle will be found on page 6.



ACROSS CLUES

1. A garland.
6. Loosened.
11. Rhythmical song.
12. Small inlet.
14. Twisted.
15. Border river.
17. Moor hill.
19. Antelope.
21. Not on.
23. To be an accessory to
24. Assumed name.
25. The least whole number.
26. Kind of lettuce.
28. Land measure.
30. Beverage.
31. To tie.
34. Family's head.
36. Metal.
37. Conflagration.
38. Quaking with alarm.
42. Religious leaflets.
46. Conflict.
47. Delivered.
49. Rodent.
50. Ejaculation.
51. To conceal.
52. Italian port.
53. Free of deductions.
55. Large tract of water.
57. Crafty.
58. Open.
61. Rings of rope.
64. Semi-tropical plant.
65. Discordant.
66. Wet dough.
67. Caught.

DOWN CLUES

2. Human organ.
3. Kind of lily.
4. Metal.
5. To cavil.
6. Real.
7. Second half of horse's name.
8. To assert.
9. Golfing term.
10. Whole.
13. Beam.
14. Obtain by force.
16. Custer's sweetheart.
18. Musical instrument.
20. African river.
22. Tool.
27. Danger.
29. Dally.
32. Haunch.
33. Land measure.
34. Healthy.
35. Beverage.
38. Number.
39. Anger.
40. Muse of lyric poetry.
41. Exist.
43. First half of horse's name.
44. Lanky.
45. Remained.
47. Roll.
48. Cleric.
54. Material.
56. Mud.
59. Vessel.
60. Specie of deer.
62. Crude metal.
63. An isolated pillar.

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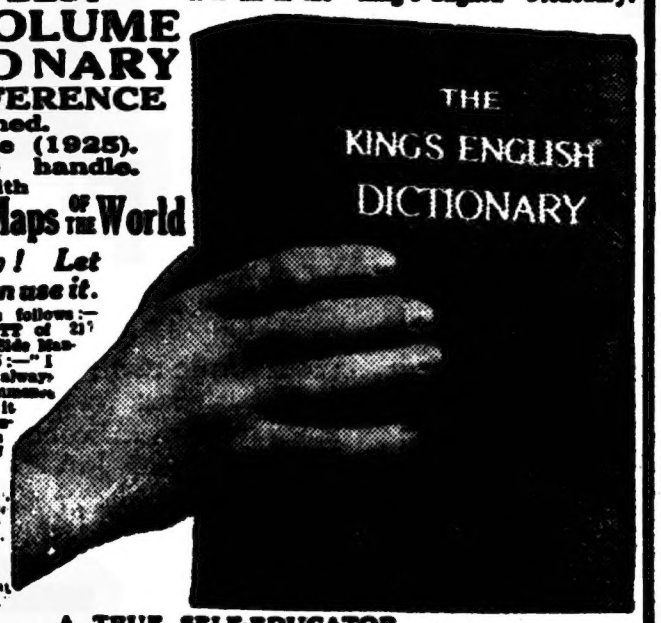

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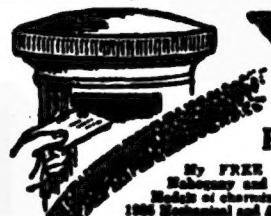

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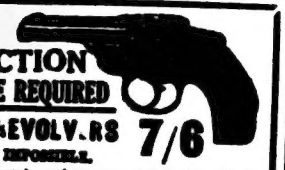

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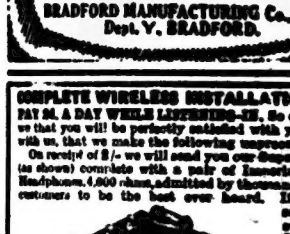

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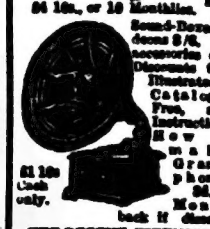

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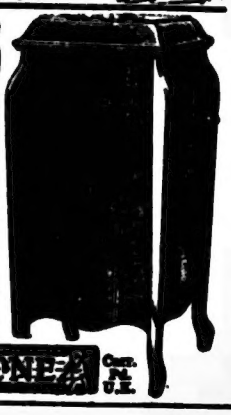

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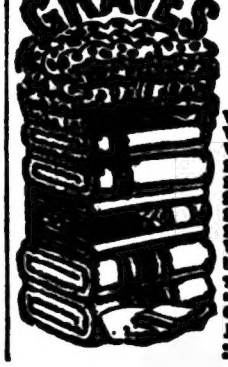

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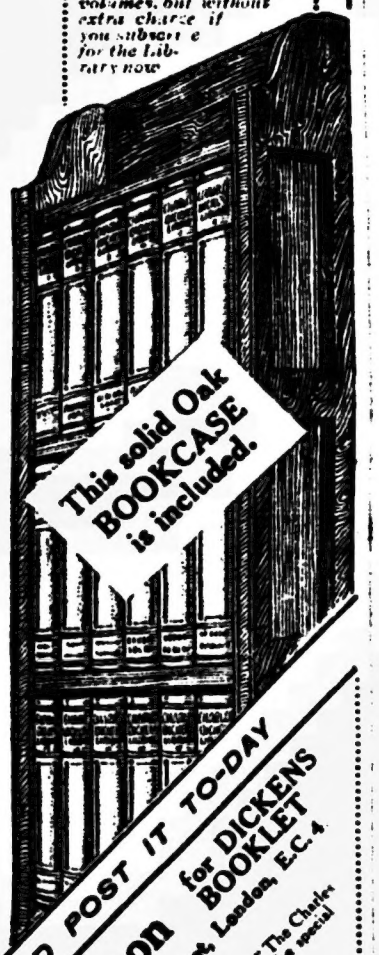

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After much argument at the Carlton Club, Mr. Churchill's readoption of the Conservative name has been marked by his reinstatement in the club. But Mr. Churchill has to pay something for his twenty years' wanderings—his subscription as a reinstated member is higher than that of the ever faithful.

Bridgeman Bristles.

The First Lord of the Admiralty is becoming notorious for peevishness. It won't wash. Mr. Baldwin will not be sidetracked from reconsidering the Pembroke Dockyard problem merely because Bridgeman raves.

Seeing Red.

The plain truth is that Mr. Bridgeman, like some other of the Cabinet Ministers, would like to see Press, public and private individuals pilloried for criticism. Such childishness is laughable. Free expression of opinion is a British right.

Whittling at Whitehall.

Plans are preparing at the Treasury for an all-round sliding-scale of salary cuts. Officials this year cost the country about £16,500,000. The real question is, Not are salaries too large, but how many earn them? Information under that head would be interesting.

Surprising Indifference.

The Coal Commission sittings receive little publicity. No greater mistake could be made in view of the tremendous issues involved. It is up to the public to repair the omission. The consumers' as well as the owners' and producers' interests are at stake.

Air Ministry Methods.

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Business Acumen.

The U.S.A. Treasury hopes to reduce next year's taxation by £60,000,000. Statesmen foresee the money saved flowing back into industry to increase still further American prosperity.

Squeezing Him Dry.

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The Family Purse.

Housewives will take with a grain of salt the latest cost-of-living figures as published by the Government. Official percentages are worked on a system twenty years old. They bear no relation to post-War facts.

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Rates bring in more than the Customs, three times as much as estate duties, £20,000,000 a year more than the excise and two and a half times as much as the super-tax. Less than half the electorate care two straws how this vast sum is collected and expended, a state of affairs as foolish as it is amazing.

Street Gang War.

The Metropolitan Police are waging unremitting war on young hooligans who use insulting behaviour in the streets. Lads in their 'teens appear daily in the courts charged with these offences and *worse*.

Criminals in Making.

Fines, if heavy enough, may check hooliganism, but they do not prevent it. The real cause is unemployment. Lads in hundreds stand outside employment exchanges, waiting for the dole. The rest of the day is occupied with horseplay.

That Costly Chancellor.

At last the Chancellor has removed the embargo on foreign loans in London. Meantime we have lost investments that would have brought many millions a year to this country. America has been moneylending all over the world—at very high interest.

Prevention *v.* Detention.

Increasing pressure on asylum accommodation in this country points a moral not to be ignored. Mental patients receive little help until certifiable. When medical schools awake to the need for adequate mind study half the lunacy now uncured need never occur.

Cheapening Coal.

Dr. Rudolf Lessing, giving evidence before the Commission, showed how coal costs could be lowered by refining processes. Of 80 million tons of slack produced in a year, 60 million tons, treated at a cost of 2s. a ton, would become worth 20s. a ton, leaving a clear profit of £14,000,000. The trouble is that in this country science has never been fully applied to industry. When it is, trade will hum.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Glasgow's Blunder.

The Glasgow Corporation is setting a thoroughly bad example in demanding that the fair wages clause shall be eliminated from its municipal housing schemes. If the result of this stingy policy is to lower the quality of the work, the tenants of the new houses will know where to put the blame. Model dwellings erected by sweated labour are an insult to the community.

Capital Plan.

A highly interesting experiment is in progress at Castleford where a glass factory, recently closed down by its proprietor, has been taken over by the disbanded workers, who propose to run it as a co-operative undertaking. According to the latest report, "orders are coming in nicely." Which shows what can be done when there's a will to work.

Disgracing the Uniform.

The career of a Bradford pest, Arthur Leach or Scott, has, fortunately, been suspended. Wearing military clothing he was not entitled to put on, he has duped many who sympathise with soldiers, especially young servant-girls, from whom he obtained money. Now he is behind barred doors, a fate which is a warning to others of his type who prefer roguery to honesty.

Banning Morality.

The British Drama League is moving to obtain relaxation of censorship upon production of Biblical plays in which Christ is a character. Mr. Ahier, of Huddersfield, thinks nothing but good could come of it. We agree. But apparently the censor considers "ear-gate" the only avenue of spiritual instruction. For some inscrutable reason "eye-gate" is "out of bounds."

Let Off Lightly.

For selling "butter" adulterated with 90 per cent., 85 per cent. and 50 per cent. of margarine, Sidney Waters was fined £30 at Haverfordwest. In our opinion he has been let off far more lightly than he deserves. A man guilty of such despicable frauds on poor housewives should not have been given the option of a fine. He should have been heavily punished as a warning to others.

The Flapper's Champion.

Dr. W. G. Savage, medical officer of health for Somerset, believes that silken hose are good for health. Open necks, sleeveless arms, and thin stockings often washed admit the ultra-violet rays of the sun, while short skirts are free of filthy street sweepings. This talk of health and hygiene is what is wanted. It clears the moral atmosphere quicker than the endless babblings of "Eve's shamelessness." We would like more of it.

Practical Gratitude.

Miss Walpole, of Bush Hill, Winchmore Hill, is one of the right sort. Twelve years ago she was operated upon in a London hospital, but was too poor to pay anything towards her treatment. Now she is in domestic service, and her gratitude has shown itself in a very practical way. Instead of having "afternoons out" she stayed at home and crocheted a teacloth which she raffled amongst her friends. As a result she has sent £3 to swell the hospital funds.

Two Men—Two Methods.

Edward Rust, of Munden Street, Hammersmith, an ex-soldier with a pension of 12s. a week, deemed fit for work by six doctors, struck Dr. Leach, a pensions officer, in the face, for failing to get him full allowance of £3 9s. 6d. a week. At Dover, an ex-soldier with no pension at all, climbed at midnight to the turret of the town-hall and rang the Zeebrugge bell. When the townsfolk hurried out the Zeebrugge hero addressed them on his plight, a bit of humour which shows there's a better method than hitting a doctor to call attention to a grievance.

Save the Babies.

The relief of women and children rendered homeless by the recent trouble in Bulgaria sounds like a job for the League of Nations rather than for the already overtaxed resources of the Save the Children Fund. For our own part, we should find it easier to stoke up enthusiasm for the cause of the Bulgarian babies if there were not so many starving youngsters in British slums.

A Gallant Deed.

It is a matter for pride that such deeds as that of young Robert Summers, who at the imminent risk of his own life dived into a boiling sea off Yarmouth in the effort to save his father from drowning, are among the commonplaces of the Mercantile Marine. It was not the young man's fault that before he could reach the spot the ocean claimed its prey. Death cannot cheat bravery of its meed of honour.

How the Poor Live.

In East Denbighshire people are existing under what Mr. Kenrick, the coroner, has not hesitated to describe as "dreadful conditions." A sample house is one without drains, water percolating its foundations, the walls damp, and the ceiling falling away. Ten people are herded in the four rooms, and the wonder is they are not all dead. East Denbighshire's health officials need waking up.

Neglecting the Unborn.

In a disused public-house at Islington, the Royal Free Hospital has opened an up-to-date maternity clinic where women approaching the ordeal of child-birth may receive advice and treatment. The only possible danger about such a public-spirited effort is that it may tempt the Ministry of Health to go on neglecting its duty. It is no paradox to say that many of our social ills are traceable to the neglect of the unborn.

The Human Machine

The Endless Road

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

WHEN you have a trouble—face it! Don't turn aside until you have fought the matter out to the best of your ability.

Hard advice, this: it is so much easier to side-step trouble than to give it a straight punch in the jaw!

The path of least resistance looks tempting—the road that involves a stand-up fight with difficulty and worry looks hard and dangerous.

Nevertheless, the main road is the easiest in the end. Once the trouble is there it is only inviting more to attempt to avoid having it out.

Mostly it means having it out with oneself. We are all cowards when face to face with our own souls. That is why we shirk the issue—no matter what specious excuses we give.

Take the path of least resistance, and you will find that your trouble goes on gnawing at your heart, burrowing deeper and deeper.

As time goes on it will attract other worries—your whole outlook will become twisted.

Far better to face it squarely, summon your reserves of moral courage, and rout the enemy before he is well dug in. Straight up the main road, my friends! There is no safety in side tracks.

THE path of least resistance is a piece of self-deception. It is simply an attempt to persuade yourself that weakness is strength.

Don't allow yourself to be misled. A man's worst enemy can be himself unless he has the courage to face his troubles as they come.

The path of least resistance is dangerous, for it is the road without an end.

Starving the Clinics.

Although treatment by artificial sunlight is the most up-to-date and effective treatment for rickety children, the Ministry of Health has done next to nothing to put these healing rays at the disposal of the poor. Yet the cost of equipping the baby clinics with the necessary apparatus would be a mere drop in the bucket of national expenditure. If the object were killing instead of life-saving, the money would be found "like a shot."

Practical Socialism.

The Countess of Warwick has offered a home to a down-and-out ex-Service man who was haled before the magistrates for not being able to pay a dog licence. The countess, who is a Socialist in practice as well as theory, was one of more than fifty people who came to the aid of the man who said that his dog was his only pal in the world. The help given to him shows that humanity has not gone entirely to the dogs.

The Iron Grip of the Law.

Again we have to draw attention to an unjustly heavy sentence, passed at Rotherham, on McDonald Sivell, who was charged with stealing a silver-plated cornet and a suit of clothes 1st February. This was his first offence and he offered to refund the value of the property if he was given another chance and allowed to return to work, but Rotherham magistrates decided that five months' imprisonment would have a better curative effect than a chance to go straight!

Prison for a Pal.

When John Butler came out of Preston Prison, his first thought was for a pal who still remained within the prison walls. He purchased an ounce of tobacco and twenty Woodbines, which he made into a packet and threw into the prison yard, where his pal was working. For this piece of friendliness he has now to go back to jail for two months! This is surely an excessive punishment for a man newly out of prison and whose offence, after all, was prompted by nothing but good nature.

Priceless Pluck.

Young Frederick Willer, a lad of eleven, trying to watch a Fulham football match, overbalanced on some railings and fell into the river. Herbert Day, aged fourteen, though unable to swim, plunged in and kept him afloat until he himself was exhausted. Then Mr. Edward Dawson, also a non-swimmer, plunged in to help, until a constable arrived to their rescue. When humanity conquers fear of death in this way, it deserves honourable mention.

Saving Grace.

That the rising generation can, and does, practise thrift and has backbone is demonstrated by a boy violinist, Fred Riley, who works in a Blackburn mill. By self-denial Fred saved 25s. for a battered violin. Fred's musical ear gave him the right key to the value of the instrument which, after he had repaired it, was found to be worth £25. He played it so well that he came out near the top at Blackpool Musical Festival. We are likely to hear of Fred again, for he won't lose his talent by rust.

Literary Laxity.

Walter Oliver, a man of fifty-five, holding a responsible position in the City, at Chelmsford received the maximum sentence of two years' hard labour for assaults upon Mabel Florence Wall, the seventeen-year-old adopted daughter of himself and his wife. The offences began when the girl was eight. It was urged in mitigation that Mrs. Oliver, engaged in literary pursuits, did not share the prisoner's room. It is no mitigation, but at least this woman should have been included in the strictures of the Lord Chief Justice. She ought to have had the confidence of the child to whom she stood as mother, and have been aware of what was going on under her roof.

A Humane Plea.

The intervention of Mr. J. Hughes, an after-care officer at the Barnes Home and Industrial School, saved Henry Lee, aged eighteen, from being sent to a Borstal Institution. Mr. Hughes said that a position had been obtained for Lee on a farm, and he pleaded for him to be given another chance. We are glad to note that this very humane officer's plea was successful. We hope that Lee will not let him down.

The Short Weight Scandal.

At the Middlesex County Council meeting Mr. E. C. Fawley criticised the inadequate fines imposed by magistrates on offenders who are guilty of giving short weight. He said that the fines of 5s. and 10s. were totally inadequate. This is a comment that we ourselves have frequently made. Unless housewives have satisfactory protection against this sort of thing they will be continually robbed by short-weight sharks.

Sauce for the Goose.

Five thousand railway carriage builders at Wolverton recently went on strike, not for any question of principle, but to force the dismissal of an assistant-foreman to whom they had taken a dislike. Such action savours very much of tyranny, especially as no definite charge was formulated against the official in question and no opportunity given him to face his antagonists. If such treatment were meted out to a trade unionist there would be a most unholy row.

Smashing the Rings.

The Co-operative Wholesale Society's Bank takes a legitimate pride in the fact that, by extending credit facilities to farmers in Western Australia, it has stabilised the wheat market, and frustrated the operations of speculators who, if they had had their way, would have forced grain up to famine prices. Not only is this achievement valuable in itself, but it affords an object-lesson to the Government of what can be done by British credit wisely handled to curb the greed of the profiteer.

Official Farm Failure.

Edmonton (London) Guardians are associated with what may be termed another official catastrophe. Their attempts to run a farm have met with unsatisfactory results. A member said the Board could buy milk, eggs, vegetables, etc., much more cheaply than they could produce them, and that the farm was merely a hobby of a few guardians. A chartered accountant declared that their balance-sheet was absolutely unintelligible. It seems preposterous that ratepayers' money should be wasted in this way.

Insulting the Blind.

Sightless workers employed by the various charities for the blind are petitioning to be paid a decent living wage instead of piece-work rates, which in too many instances are hardly sufficient to keep body and soul together. It is disgusting to learn that the various associations concerned have failed to acknowledge the communications on the subject received from the National League of the Blind and flatly declined to meet the blind representatives in conference. Societies which together collect upwards of £500,000 a year should have a higher sense of responsibility.

The Law their Debtor.

Mrs. William Mummery, aged sixty-two, of Hillway, Holly Lodge, Highgate, along with her twenty-one-year-old daughter Maud, paused in Wardour Street to look at a shop, when out rushed the manager. He accused them both of stealing the coats they were wearing. When they complained to a policeman they found themselves locked up until a detective proved the truth of their statement that the coats had been purchased from a Stoke Newington tradesman. Merely to acquit them is not enough. The Wardour Street manager, whose name does not transpire, should be forced to pay them handsome damages.

Safety First.

Like the various tea companies whose methods we have recently criticised, the Ruskin Tea Stores, of 6, King's Terrace' Southsea, offer cash bonuses to provincial housewives who purchase their wares regularly. But we have little faith in an offer to pay £4 4s. when the firm's guarantee contains a declaration to the effect that the payment will *not* be made "in any given time." This is safety first with a vengeance, and we would advise housewives to adopt the same principles and shun such doubtful offers.

Still at It!

Charity covers a multitude of sins and a multitude of sinners. One of the most notorious of these sinners is Walter Blackburn, a rogue with a fifty years' record of fraud! People receiving charity appeals from the Hospital for Incurables, Tankerton, or the Battersea Poor Children's Welfare Centre, should ignore them without hesitation, for Blackburn is behind both these schemes. His name does not figure on the circulars of these concerns, which perhaps explains why he is still at large in spite of our repeated exposures.

The Sheffield Dean.

More or less regularly in the *Westminster Gazette* and other papers there appears an advertisement: "£2 WEEKLY.—Home Work, chiefly writing; enclose envelope.—Dean (W. L.), Durham Road, Sheffield." Applicants get circulars from A. L. Dean & Co. which, pointing out what a wonderful scheme his is, ask for 2s., the price of the priceless particulars. All you get for your money is a lot of trashy instructions as to how to make money by pushing on people remedies for blushing, bald heads, superfluous hair, etc. "Avoid all catchy schemes" is Mr. Dean's motto for his clients. We suggest to our readers that they apply this motto to Mr. Dean himself.

Mugs and Money Making.

An advertisement in the *Daily Telegraph* to the effect that there was scope for several people to take up clerical work at home is very misleading. Anyone who applies is favoured with a circular inviting him to send a postal order for 2s. for a "unique handbook" on "Money Making at Home." The book may or may not be worth 2s., but it is probable that most of the money making will be done by S. V. Walker, of 72, First Avenue, Enfield, Middlesex, who is doubtless raking in a good many postal orders from ambitious "mugs." Misleading advertisements of this sort should never be granted space.

Hot Air and Cool Cheek.

A letter from the Air Friction Carburetor Company, of Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A., to a Glamorgan reader is really rather priceless. It is a reply to our reader's request for a refund in respect of a carburetor which he had had on trial, and contains these phrases: "If it were possible we would enclose cheque with this letter. Uncle Sam comes first, however, and insists on getting his money." They add that the refund will be paid among the first and wind up with an offer to supply a new model carburetor that they know "will make good." We think they should be renamed "The Hot Air Fiction Company."

A Designing Firm.

A South Wales reader enrolled as a student for a correspondence course with the Federal School of Commercial Designing, of Minneapolis, U.S.A. Fees sent in monthly instalments had an uncanny habit of getting "lost" in the post, and when this had happened too frequently for our reader's liking he decided to have nothing more to do with the firm. Now he is being pestered with letters from "The Metropolitan Collection Bureau" demanding the balance of fees on behalf of the Federal School of Designing. Our reader was ill-advised ever to enter into any contract with this far-distant firm, whose methods would appear to call for investigation.

Problems of Life

Baby Leads the Way

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

ANTHROPOLOGISTS and psychologists tell us that the child stands at the head of the race. The new-born generation sums up within itself all that humanity has yet attained, but also contains within itself the seeds of potentialities as yet undisclosed.

Mr. H. G. Wells

There lies folded up in every infant something unpredictable, something greater than his father and mother ever knew.

This is not guess-work or a vague generalisation from observed facts; it is established scientific truth.

We used to hear more than we do now of the struggle for existence and the survival of the fittest.

Life, as a rule, has little mercy on the trifler. Toil and strive we must if we would hold our own, much less achieve anything in competition with others.

"Root, hog, or die," is an American maxim of grim significance. Struggle is as stern a reality to-day as in the days when every man carried a dagger at his belt, and was ready to use it on his fellow.

But we have learned that "struggle" and "survival" do not sum up the whole story of human progress, nor do they account for the best part of things as they are.

PERHAPS the greatest discovery in the field of human development is that faculty appears long before it is wanted. It is a gift, not an acquirement.

Archbishop D'Arcy says in his book, "Science and Creation":

"It seems to be conclusively proved that those features of man's bodily structure which subserve his high status in the animal world, all that was necessary in body and capacity of brain to make him supreme among living things, all that made him fit for a fuller human and civilised life, all that furnished him with a physique adapted to a social and spiritual existence: all these were worked out in detail and prepared countless ages before he had need of them."

What an astounding miracle this is!

MAN has attained to his present position of supremacy in the animal kingdom, not chiefly by overcoming or outwitting his formidable rivals in the race for dominion, but by innate capacity which came without his knowing why.

H. G. Wells says that the last word in frightfulness in pre historic times was the gigantic, mail-clad, flesh-eating dinosaurus, with his terrific equipment for seizing and killing his prey.

Who could ever have dreamed that in the fight to live this dreadful creature should have to make way in the end for the blue-eyed darling who smiles up at his mother from the cradle?

Yet it was so. Baby shows the trend of evolution.

WANDERING VANDERLAND

A DOUBLE-DYED DUTCHMAN

Tips for Jix

IT has long been an accepted fact that what JOHN BULL says to-day the general Press will say to-morrow, and no more notable instance of this can be given than certain statements now appearing in the papers with regard to night clubs.

Our readers know that for some weeks past we have been publishing authentic and exclusive facts, obtained personally by our Special Commissioner in the underworld, concerning several evil dens which we declared to be worthy of police attention. As a result a number of these places have been raided.

Now comes the general Press with the story that the police are planning an extensive campaign against the night clubs, which they hope to carry out if the Home Secretary approves. We have heard all this before, and it does not impress us.

We have repeatedly called for some drastic measures to be taken in combating the evil; and we intend to keep hammering away at the problem so that the Home Office cannot take advantage of any lull in the storm which we have raised in the public interest.

New name, old game

Whilst the Home Secretary is again "looking into this matter," we think it advisable to bring to his notice publicly the scandalous circumstances relating to one of the most impudent night-club promoters in London.

When the police, acting on information supplied by us, recently visited the Radio Club they also raided the Movie Club, which they found in the basement of the next house, 55, Old Compton Street.

As a result, a Dutchman, named Nicholas Pieter Vanderland, has just been summoned at Gt. Marlborough Street Police Court for selling intoxicating liquor without a licence. Mr. Hay Halkett fined Vanderland the sum of £15 with £10 10s. costs, and ordered the Movie Club to be struck off the register for twelve months.

Evidently the fact that he pleaded guilty and did not go into the witness-box to commit perjury in a dummy defence (as so many bogus club runners do) got Vanderland off so lightly.

We have frequently pointed out the absurdity of ordering a club to be "struck off," for there is no law to prevent another "club" from springing up on the same premises under a new name.

The police handicapped

Now, in coming to his conclusions on the drinking-den evil, we urge the Home Secretary to pay special attention to this case of the Movie Club and its late proprietor, Nicholas Pieter Vanderland.

Who is this man? He is, in the first place, an alien, and no alien is supposed to be in the country unless he is serving some useful purpose. What useful purpose has Vanderland served to justify his remaining here? He has never done any real work, and that in itself is sufficient grounds for his deportation.

But there is more to be said against him than that. He has, in the last three years, been connected with the running of several bogus clubs, where the law has been blatantly defied and where many victims have been robbed.

In all these dreadful dens he has had a share of the profits, closing his eyes, for monetary gain, to the outrageous and shameful things that have gone on in some of these haunts. In fact, his speciality is to attract women of the streets to his dens, who, in turn, lure their own victims there. This despicable alien scoundrel, then, is the type of person who is permitted to register a club at the police court for the trifling sum of 5s.

And he can go on doing this again and again, despite his past record, despite past convictions, and despite the fact that he is an undesirable alien.

We greatly sympathise with the police in this matter, for with such limited powers their efforts are simply wasted. It is merely a case of raiding and re-raiding. These undesirable dens must be stamped out completely and their promoters must be dealt with effectively.

We suggest three things to the Home Secretary, whose duty it is to make fresh laws to stop this gross abuse of the Licensing Act.

The first is to set an example by deporting Vanderland, who is a dangerous parasite in our midst, and who should be at once sent back to his own country.

The second is that the Home Secretary should have a special representative in court to hear the proceedings about to take place following the prosecutions in connection with the raids already mentioned. By this means he would be in a better position to judge the types of rascal who run these rotten dens.

A growing menace

Our third suggestion is that the Home Secretary, apart from hearing the various deputations about to wait upon him, should confer at once with a committee of police officers who have been concerned with the recent raids.

If these suggestions are acted upon, then the night club menace, which is quickly growing beyond control, will be dealt a staggering blow.

Peters' Press Puzzles

Doubtful Drawing Lessons

MR. PETERS is the proprietor of Peters' Press & Commercial Art Studios, of Central House, 34 and 36, Oxford Street, London, W.1, and undertakes to teach commercial art by correspondence.

So far as we can gather, his art would appear to lie in collecting clients' fees and setting them puzzles in return.

The following is the experience of a West Ealing reader who was attracted by one of his advertisements.

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He wrote for a prospectus and discovered that the very reasonable terms for a complete course in commercial art were 5s. entrance fee and 3s. for each subsequent lesson. The entire course was to be conducted through the post.

Our reader despatched a p.o. for 5s. and awaited the arrival of the first lesson. Two days elapsed and nothing came, but happening to be in town he called at Central House.

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Information was given by the lift-boy that there was nobody on the premises, but that all business was being dealt with at 13-14, Bedford Row, London, W.C.

Our reader found the building to be occupied by various firms, but there was no sign of "Peters' Press and Commercial Art Studios." However, on the top floor he discovered a concern called "The Black and White Art Studios," and he decided to make enquiries there.

An old gentleman who admitted him stated that his firm "took things for Peters' Press," and after some search unearthed our reader's application form, from which the postal order had been detached. He reluctantly wrote out a receipt, saying that "they must have forgotten to send it on."

Our reader then suggested that, as he was there, he might as well take the first lesson with him.

The old gentleman seemed somewhat surprised at this request, but eventually handed over a roll of papers, at the same time trying to persuade our reader to purchase some poster colours at 1s. 3d. a bottle!

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When our reader returned home and examined his "lesson" he found it to consist of two elementary diagrams, three very crude line drawings and sheets of tracing paper.

As no explanation or instructions were enclosed he at once wrote off expressing his dissatisfaction at Mr. Peters' methods of business.

Mr. Peters' reply was that his business methods did not matter so long as the lessons were in order.

The "lessons" are a farce, and Peters is clearly a slippery customer.

Mrs. Besant's Black Sheep

Shocks for Theosophists

THERE is an old Scots proverb that "if you keep awa' from the crows you'll n' get shot at." We pass on the hint to Mrs. Annie Besant, leader of the Theosophical Society, and to her Hindu protegé Krishnaji or Krishnamurti, whom she proclaims to be a "Messiah," or new world teacher.

A recent article on some of the "crows" of murky moral plumage who have hovered around Mrs. Besant and her movement, has caused some commotion among the English Theosophists. By post and 'phone we have had protests from agitated apostles of both sexes that Krishnamurti is "a spotless angel" and that Mrs. Besant is a "prophet of equal rank with Elijah and John the Baptist."

We never said they weren't. We did suggest that Mrs. Besant was not doing the best by her Messiah in neglecting to disown that "father" of Theosophy, Bishop Leadbeater: and Leadbeater, a dirty old sex-degenerate, with the face of a satyr, and a record that does not belie it, is not alone in having brought odium and disgrace on the Theosophical Society.

The art of abuse

Some years ago a bitter campaign was carried on in America by the friends of Mrs. Besant against William Judge and Mrs. Katherine Tingley, leaders of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical Society, which disclaims the Theosophical Society of this country. The ringleader was a gentleman by name of Alexander Fullerton, who had a genius for abuse and vilification hardly to be expected from one claiming to be versed in the gentle tenets of Bhuddism.

His crusade was ended with his arrest for sending indecent and immoral matter to a young lad through the United States mails. He confessed, but was saved from trial before the Federal Court through the influence of his friends, who had him certified as insane and placed in an asylum, where he afterwards died.

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A sordid confession

Another of the "crows" was a London priest in the Liberal Catholic Church (closely associated with Theosophy), but who was capable of decent shame. In resigning from Mrs. Besant's Co-Masonic Order, not so long ago, this man, whose name we omit, made a full confession of sordid practices, at the same time implicating two highly-placed clerics, one of whom still holds "episcopal" rank.

About the same time a Mr. T. H. Martyn, of Sydney, Australia, one of the most respected members of the Theosophical Society, severed a thirty years' connection with the movement owing to Mrs. Besant's failure to clear up the scandals. In a letter addressed to her, of which we possess a copy, he laid new charges against Leadbeater and against another "bishop."

What are we to make of it all?

Second-Hand Ancestors

Nobbling Noble Names

MANY people bearing the same name as wealthy and noble families like to labour under the belief that they are related to their more fortunate name-holders. Naturally such people fall an easy prey to certain individuals, who deliberately set out to exploit such credulous fools.

We are aware of three persons who carry on this doubtful profession but by far the worst offender is to be found at 31, Arthur Street, Peckham, from which address, we find, the "business" has been carried on for more than thirty years!

The family tree

Circulars are sent out from here to people whose names are "lifted" from directories, and who are informed that, after much research and expense, the writer has discovered the true history relating to their family pedigrees.

"I am certain that this scarce pedigree which I possess will be of the utmost importance to you regarding your family name," is one of the phrases contained in these touting letters, which are signed "K. Day," "Ernest Day," and "K. Smith"—who offer to part with this valuable information for substantial sums.

Needless to say, recipients of these circulars are led to believe that they are dealing with a man, whereas these letters are really being sent out by a woman named Kitty Smith.

Ernest Day was the name used by her father—a notorious old party well known to the police—who started the "business" in 1891; and since his death Kitty Smith has been carrying on the "good work," taking over his "stock," etc., for this purpose, and following the routine as craftily as did he.

The mechanism of the "business" is a simple one. It merely involves periodical visits to rag-and-bone shops, where ancient books relating to old families may be picked up for a few coppers.

Valuable old prints

Foolish applicants who answer Kitty Smith's touting epistles receive some thirty or forty pages, torn from these old books, in exchange for a nice fat fee!

Occasionally Kitty varies her practice, and, in a fit of generosity, sends her clients a worthless "old print" purporting to be some distant ancestor. These prints are also torn from old second-hand books. It is a paying "business."

The Charity Organisation Society, which has been issuing warnings against these tricksters for years, has recently been inundated with complaints which suggest that Kitty is busier than ever.

The regrettable fact is that her circulars are so carefully worded that she keeps just within the law. It is deplorable that no more effective measures can be taken to protect foolish people from being duped.

WICKED WAR OFFICE WASTE

ARMY ACCOUNTANCY "UP TO DATE"

Extraordinary Financial Bungling

ON more than one occasion we have commented very strongly upon the lavish and care-free manner in which the War Office handles the taxpayers' money.

Every year terrific sums are accounted for by items calmly grouped under the headings of theft, fraud, arson or gross negligence, to say nothing of equally huge losses stated to be from "other causes."

That Mesopotamia has swallowed millions is not in the least surprising when one glances through the Army accounts and finds such items as the following:

£1,638 for deficiency in accounts relating to wood; £992 for deficiency of stores from a "protected" dump at Mosul; £749 deficit on the imprest account of a supply officer at Baghdad; £2,267 deficit, "not considered to be excessive," on the account of a local purchasing officer in Iraq.

Deficiencies on consignment of clothing from India to Baghdad, amounting to £1,640, are explained by "consignments got confused," whilst a discrepancy of £16,013 on the final Inland Water Transport store account at Magil is attributed to "inaccurate accounting."

But the War Office is able to lose other people's money at home with equal skill. Discrepancy and deficiency are words that they never tire of using.

Barrack square book-keeping

Thus we find the sum of £19,867 placed against a deficiency of tent poles, which is attributed principally to "mistakes in accounting." £5,267 was lost over a deal in margarine, which was subsequently condemned as unfit.

The contract revealed "ambiguity of wording," but the contractors escaped because the Treasury solicitor advised against legal action.

So we might go on multiplying instances of appalling muddle and waste, which swallow up the poor taxpayers' cash each year. This disgraceful state of affairs has always existed, and, so far as we can see, it always will exist. In fact, it is likely to go from bad to worse, for we now learn that:

"After careful and prolonged consideration the Army Council have decided that the system advocated by the majority of the Lawrence Committee would involve a heavier expense on account-keeping than we can afford in the present circumstances of financial stringency."

Back to King Charles

"It is therefore proposed, subject to the approval of the Committee of Public Accounts, to discontinue the 'cost' accounts of combatant units, retaining only those of productive and other establishments for which such accounts are of proved value.

"It is also proposed to return to the cash form for the Army estimates and accounts. . . . This change will involve a reduction in the numbers of the accounting staff."

This statement, although we have abridged it considerably, still typifies by its reckless waste of words the Department's attitude. Simply expressed it means that waste will continue as before, only more so.

It means that a modern system of accounting is to be scrapped in favour of a system of records which, in the opinion of the *Accountant*, the technical organ of chartered accountants, is but "little removed from that devised in the time of Charles II.!"

Now, modern accounting is designed to run on businesslike lines; and if the War Office have found it of so little assistance to them in the past, how can they hope to benefit by reverting to a system, which is, to say the least of it, antiquated?

This old system of accounting was simply intended to ensure that every item of cash payment or issue of stores was duly authorised, and that the amount of the year's payments was not greater than the Parliamentary grant. Obviously, such a system of control can never produce economy.

We are entirely in agreement with the *Accountant* when it remarks that it is unable to imagine a business man scrapping an accounting system that showed him his real income and expenditure and simply adopting a list of receipts and payments.

If it is folly for a business man to take such a step, surely it is equally foolish for a Government Department to do so?

Now, since the report of the Committee of National Expenditure in 1918, there have been three other committees, and all of them have pressed for proper Army accounts.

Silencing reports

The taxpayer is certainly entitled to have them; but it is only too well known how little weight reports of committees and commissions carry. As a rule, they are quietly pigeonholed, and we never hear anything more about them.

It is not good enough! One does not expect the military members of the Army Council to be well versed in business matters; but these various committees have been formed of men of proved business ability, and for their reports to be ignored is little short of scandalous!

Piano Plunderers

Beware of Bogus Bargains

THAT the sale of second-hand pianos may sometimes be a very profitable business is proved by the fact that there are a number of persons engaged in it as a regular practice.

These pose as private individuals desiring to dispose of their pianos at bargain or sacrifice prices, and they conduct their business through the medium of the Press, by inserting advertisements calculated to trap the unwary.

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One of these gentlemen, S. H. Cook, of 9, Belle Vue, Bradford, recently offered the following advertisements to a paper which is published in a town many miles distant.

Owner requires cash. Offers genuine Rubenstein £70 piano, iron frame, check-action, trichord. Urgent disposal. Bring £25. Box ——.

Advertiser requiring cash, offers genuine German Lange Berlin Overstring piano. Cost £85. Take £29 10s.

Now, whilst we have no doubt that the owner "requires cash," we are not aware that any piano-maker was ever named Rubenstein. "Bring £25" is good! If the piano is an ordinary second-hand one, that amount would probably yield a very satisfactory profit to the trader.

So far as the Lange piano is concerned, the manufacturer of that name went out of business twenty years ago. A genuine second-hand Lange must therefore be over twenty years old, and £29 10s. is scarcely a sacrifice price.

But little details like that do not worry Mr. Cook, or others engaged in the same line of business.

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Early this year the following advertisement appeared in the *Bury Times*:

Owner going abroad offers lovely Upright Iron Grand Piano by Rienzi, cost £80 recently: accept £27 10s. Write B. 899, "Times" Office, Bury.

This piano was bought at the price advertised and thoroughly examined. In the first place there is no manufacturer named Rienzi, and this particular one was found to have been made in London by a manufacturer of cheap grade pianos, named Yates.

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It proved to be twenty-five years old, and the price at which it had been sold to the dealer was estimated by trade experts as £11.

Our own enquiries reveal the fact that this type of fraud has been flourishing for at least fifteen years. Like so many other swindlers, these bogus "traders" seem to be able to carry on untroubled and unchecked.

We think that advertising managers should satisfy themselves regarding descriptions and values before inserting such misleading advertisements in their pages.

A HEARTLESS SWINDLER

SLIPPERY SHIPPING AGENT

Disabled Men Victimised Again

A PERSON who robs a disabled man of every penny is a despicable creature, and such a person is Reginald Smith, whose activities would appear to be a matter for the immediate attention of the police.

From enquiries we have made, we are satisfied that Reginald Smith is a schemer who, as soon as he has completed the victimisation of one dupe, sets out to bring about the ruin of another.

About two years ago an advertisement appeared in the *Daily Chronicle* regarding a clerical position which called for an investment of £100.

Several people answered it, and got into touch with the advertisers, Messrs. W. H. Nettleton and Co., accountants, valuers and business agents, of 23, Charterhouse Street, Holborn Circus, E.C.1.

One of the applicants was a Plumstead man, Mr. F. Poore. He had been out of work for some time, and found it extremely difficult to find employment because his left hand had been shattered by an explosion at Woolwich Arsenal during the War.

A progressive firm

Nettleton and Co. informed Mr. Poore that the position offered was with a progressive firm of shipping agents at their head office in Cannon Street. The salary would be £3 10s. per week, with 5 per cent. interest on the £100 invested, which would be secured in the assets of the business, and returnable at a month's notice.

Mr. Poore explained that he had no ready money, but in order to secure a permanent position with a progressive firm he was willing to commute for a lump sum the pension he was receiving from the authorities on account of his disablement.

Nettleton and Co. agreed to see the proprietor of the progressive firm again in order to satisfy themselves that everything was quite all right. Subsequently, they wrote to say that they thought "the vacancy is quite a genuine one, affording a progressive position to a good man."

No doubt Nettleton and Co. acted in perfect good faith, but it is a thousand pities that they did not pursue their investigations more thoroughly, for, pleased with their assurances, Mr. Poore hurried through the commutation of his pension and started work with the London and Hamburg Shipping Agency, 56, Cannon Street, London, E.C. 4. Now, the genius behind this firm was Reginald Smith!

Other ships on the rocks

It was not long before Mr. Poore discovered that the business, instead of being progressive, was rapidly staggering to disaster, as also was another dubious venture of Reginald Smith's—the Vulcan International Transport Co. This concern was housed at the same address—a one-roomed office, partitioned into three.

Eventually his wages were not forthcoming; and, apart from the assurances of Nettleton and Co., Mr. Poore now discovered that quite a number of other out-of-work people had been similarly imposed upon by Smith.

He asked for his money to be returned in accordance with his agreement, but his request was ignored. That was eighteen months ago, and he has not got it yet!

A pound or two, extracted from Mr. Smith like nuts from a roasting fire, is all that has come his way—unless we include the countless letters putting him off with excuses which show that Mr. Smith, as well as being gifted with much cunning, also possesses a vivid imagination.

Looking further into the career of Reginald Smith, we find that he has lately been concerned with a firm called Mew and Co., of 1a, Newcomen Street, London, S.E.

Here again he has been carrying on the business of shipping agent, much in the same way as he did under the banner of the London and Hamburg Shipping Agency, which has recently collapsed.

A large number of firms who have entrusted shipping business to Reginald Smith, in his new alias of Mew and Co., have been mulcted by him for large sums of money, in return for which they have received absolutely nothing.

One firm obtaining judgment against him put the bailiffs in, only to find that another creditor had got in first with a prior claim.

This is the type of man, then, who is permitted to trade under high-sounding names as a shipping agent, and, in addition to fleecing a disabled ex-Service man of every penny, is able to impose upon honest traders, and thus bring a stigma upon the reputation of one of the biggest industries in the country.

A bird of passage

It is within our knowledge that the police have been making enquiries about Reginald Smith, who has lately been flitting from one address to another in the Brixton area.

We think that most of our readers will agree with us that if the law is not strong enough to prevent this sort of thing it should be rigidly amended.

Tipster's Cool Cheek

Astounding Impudence

IN our issue of October 3, we exposed the swindling methods of a racing tipster named F. Watson, of Barum Hall, Halifax, who has an infallible system for spotting winners.

The ingenious scheme of this rascal is to tip *every* horse in big races! When all the runners are thus split up amongst clients in different towns some are bound to win—but, as we pointed out in our previous article, only some.

But those who did win, being unaware of Watson's long list of losing tips, would doubtless be tempted to pay him for further information.

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Our treatment of Mr. Watson was very lenient, and it is a great pity that it was, for he has now shown that, apart from being an ingenious scamp, he is also an unprincipled rogue.

If we were awarding a medal for cool cheek and impudence then F. Watson would have prior claim to the distinction of wearing it upon his unmanly breast. His latest move is the most flagrant piece of audacity that has ever come to our notice, and we hasten to give it publicity.

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Far from being abashed at our exposures, he is actually sending out pamphlets to fresh clients, containing incomplete extracts from our article, which are intended to convey the impression that we look upon him with favour!

Those who have not read the original article would be inclined to believe that we were recommending Mr. Watson as an ideal tipster, whereas all we can say of him is that he is a very clever trickster.

Doubtless a great many unsuspecting people will be misled by these circulars; but those who read the article when it appeared will need no further warning.

As a matter of fact, we have received numerous letters from readers who would certainly have been duped had it not been for our previous exposures of this rascal. For the benefit of others we repeat: Avoid all dealing with F. Watson!

Something of the man's roguery may be gathered from the foregoing facts. It only remains to add that we do not suppose that we have heard the last of him. One so gifted in cunning and trickery is likely to have a lively and chequered career.

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We shall watch that career with great interest and continue to keep our readers well informed of its progress. Sooner or later we prophesy that Mr. F. Watson will land himself in serious trouble. Tipping winners may prove a losing game.

A Shameful Shylock

A Moneylender's Methods

THE moneylending business is far from being a savoury one, and there are two types of moneylender who do not tend to sweeten it, and who deserve to be shown up on every possible occasion.

The first type are those who specialise in fee-snatching. On receiving applications for loans they demand preliminary fees to cover "cost of enquiry" in respect of the applicants. Requests are invariably turned down, whilst the moneylenders hang on to the fees, which may range from 7s. 6d. to a guinea.

Publicity feared

But far more dangerous and dastardly are the moneylenders who actually make loans and then proceed to charge exorbitant rates of interest.

The pity is that in nine cases out of ten they get all they ask for, simply because their victims shrink from the publicity and disgrace that legal proceedings would entail.

A Shylock belonging to the latter class goes by the name of A. Applestone, and resides at 132, Newington Causeway, London, S.E.1, and we have received a serious complaint from a Buntingford reader who had the misfortune to enter into negotiations with this usurer.

Early in the year this reader applied for a loan of £30. He actually received £27 from Applestone, who kept £3 back to "cover expenses." The agreement was that interest should be charged at 1s. in the pound per month, and our reader has been steadily repaying the money on those terms.

Now, when he imagined his debt cleared, he has been met with a demand for £15 interest, which would mean that for £27 he must repay £45!

Needless to say, we are advising him to shoulder the publicity and take the matter to court, and give Applestone the showing up he merits.

Applestone has already had one bitter experience in the courts to our knowledge, and, oddly enough, the case bears a striking resemblance to the one we have just cited.

Colossal interest

The loan then asked for was £35, and Applestone kept back £2 of this for his "expenses," telling his client that the interest would be 2d. in the pound per week.

After two weeks the client wished to pay back the entire amount, and he was then informed that he must pay £50. In court Applestone stated that he was prepared to accept £40, whereupon his client's counsel pointed out that this meant interest at the rate of 300 per cent. per annum.

A verdict was given in favour of the client, with costs, and the judge made some very cutting remarks on Applestone's methods. But, if we had our way, Applestone would receive a sharper punishment than a verbal lashing.

Fostering Fraud

Scandal of Inadequate Pay

IN the recent trial of Herbert Harris, of Okehampton, on a charge of embezzlement, it transpired that this unfortunate man's salary as county court bailiff amounted to £2 per week, with an additional allowance of 4s. for travelling expenses!

It was stated on behalf of the accused that this sum was totally inadequate, "beneath contempt" and not sufficient to keep a man honest in the position which Harris held. We heartily agree.

Harris was a married man, with a family of two, and had incurred debts owing to the economic pressure in his home. Tradesmen were pressing him, he yielded to a sudden temptation and converted some of his employers' money to his own uses.

Because his act went undiscovered he was tempted to repeat it. From time to time he embezzled certain sums in order to stave off the ruin that faced him.

Tempted to thieve

Now, this case is typical of a great many, which may be summed up in two words—Temptation and Opportunity. And it would seem that the authorities are nearly always to be blamed in the matter, though they do not appear to be aware of this.

It is notorious that numerous people in trusted positions are only in receipt of miserable pittances, which must surely lay them open to strong temptations when their work involves the handling of much money.

This gross under-payment is in itself a serious scandal, and when it is coupled with the scandal of opportunity, as it so often is, it calls for stern censure.

Opportunity should not exist any more than temptation. There is something very wrong with the administration of local authorities when long-drawn-out frauds can be perpetrated in this way.

The public may well ask: Was there no one to supervise? Did no one ever look over the books? If not, why not? One would not expect a county court to conduct its business transactions in such a haphazard manner.

Auditors' job

There are far too many cases of this nature. A striking example is that of the Stoke Newington collector, who amassed £7,000 by frauds spread over a long period, and then decamped before the authorities investigated the books and discovered how matters stood—a fact which reflects very little credit on the authorities concerned.

It is a serious question, but the answer would appear to be a ready-made one. Remove temptation by paying trusted workers an adequate wage, and remove opportunity by instituting a regular audit of all account books.

These are surely not unreasonable demands, yet these simple precautions should save many an honest man from falling.

FOOTBALL ROGUES to WATCH

BOOKIES THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH

The Crook with Forty Names

IT is time that some steps were taken to prevent the flagrant swindling of football "fans" by bogus bookies. Complaints pour in from all parts of the country, yet the police are powerless.

Two years ago, when the Government set up an enquiry into the betting law, with Sir Herbert Cautley, K.C., as its chairman, some amazing evidence was given of the tricks resorted to by crooked swindlers whom the law could not touch.

In one instance an expert on racing stated that a certain rogue had forty names, forty addresses, and twisted his winning clients from each! Yet nothing could be done to stop him!

The bookie's excuse

In a systematic swindle one would think that the police could act under the false pretences charge regulations. But they cannot. The bookie is always ready with the excuse that he has a long list of losing clients who don't pay up, and therefore he is unable to meet his obligations with the winners.

There are many bogus bookies in racing circles; but football provides an overwhelming number of fraudulent fakirs. A high place must be allotted to Thomas Bradshaw, whose name is notorious in the football bookie world.

Bradshaw has an office at Poland House, Regent Street, and complaints from winning clients that he fails to pay roll in in a never-ending stream. But they make no difference.

Bradshaw has played his game in the self-same name, from the same address, *for the last six years!*

But there are many others who seek to reach Bradshaw's high level. The firm of Evans and Richards, of 8, Peterboro Road, Harrow, Middlesex, help to swell our daily post-bag with complaints.

This firm's circulars are full of high-flown statements and promises, calculated to obtain the confidence of clients. They offer to pay £100 in cash to anyone who can "truthfully claim that they have not been paid their winnings. How many accountants will *say* as much? We leave the verdict to YOU."

Sir H. S. Cautley, K.C., Chairman of the Governmental Enquiry into Betting

When applications for winnings are met with silence, the *verdict* is all that clients are left to console themselves with.

Another dubious inducement is the "offer" of "splendid Christmas boxes, consisting of Hampers, Cigarettes and other Presentation parcels." What a nice, kind firm to deal with!

But in the body of their circular is a clause that is decidedly fishy. "It helps to get winnings away quickly if you leave your postal orders open and not crossed, as we use these same orders to pay winners."

The use of postal orders left open is subject to many abuses. We have no doubt that it "helps to get winnings away"; and we can make a pretty shrewd guess as to whom "the winners" will always be.

A complaint against Evans and Richards from a South Wales reader is of particular interest. When he wrote for his winnings, he took the precaution of writing his name and address on the back of the envelope for "return if undelivered."

A policy of silence

The letter was never returned and no reply was received from Evans and Richards. We ourselves wrote on our reader's behalf, but our letter was returned, marked "Gone Away."

It may be that they have been badly hit and are unable to meet their liabilities; but why should it be possible for anyone to start a business in this way without sufficient capital to see it through?

J. Goodman, of 10, Godliman Street, London, E.C.4, and Harry Ray and Co., of "Bereen," 742, London Road, Leigh-on-Sea, are two more names that figure in our black list. Complaints from readers in all parts come rolling in.

Affable circulars are sent out, full of self-praise and promise for prospective clients, whilst applications of winning clients are completely ignored. Letters that we have written to these two firms on our readers' behalf have likewise been ignored.

The remedy delayed

Why does Parliament continue to blind itself to this urgent problem? The committee of 1923 arrived at a number of definite conclusions. The majority pronounced in favour of registering all bookmakers and granting them licences.

What has become of those reports? Why are the recommendations not acted upon? Until they are hundreds of thousands of people will continue to be fleeced every year by the thieves of the turf.

A Surpliced Slanderer

Lies Nailed to the Pulpit

UNHAPPILY cases are far too frequent where it is necessary to make accusations of cruelty to children against brutal and inhuman parents and foster-parents; but the offence is one of such a serious character that no one should make any accusation without adequate proof or justification.

When a person is carrying on good work, and is bringing up a number of motherless children in a proper and fitting way, nothing could be more disgraceful than an unwarranted attack upon her conduct and character respecting the children in her care.

A serious charge

Yet such an attack has been made by the Rev. Jenkyn Edwards, Rector of Fenny Drayton, upon a Mrs. Farmer, who is the keeper of a local children's home. By the statements directed by him against her she has been held up to public odium and contempt, and a great deal of indignation is felt in Nuneaton and district.

The reverend gentleman, who is a member of the local board of guardians, addressed his fellow-members a month ago on an alleged scandal in connection with Mrs. Farmer's home, and made allegations to the effect that she grossly ill-treated her charges.

Safety in absence

Mrs. Farmer was not present at the time to refute these allegations, but inquiries since instituted have proved beyond all doubt that they were absolutely unfounded and that there was no evidence against her.

The reason why we are now dealing with the matter is to clear this poor woman's character. She endeavoured to do so at a recent meeting of the board of guardians, where she turned up in the hope of meeting her reverend accuser face to face.

The rector, however, was conspicuous by his absence.

An inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. reported having visited the home and inspected the children. He stated that he found not the slightest evidence of ill-treatment, and the home was perfectly satisfactory.

We heartily endorse the findings of the guardians, some of whom consider that the reverend gentleman's attitude and action have been most reprehensible, whilst others believe that they have been the reverse of being helpful to the board and most discreditable to his position as a minister of the Church.

Apology at least

Mrs. Farmer has received a letter expressing the satisfaction of the board that the charges made against her were unfounded.

But what of the man who made those charges? Why was he not called upon to withdraw his slanderous allegations and to offer a public apology to the woman whose name he had so unjustifiably abused?

THE CROOKED BARGAIN KING

PRICELESS MR. CURRIE

A Rogue and Proud of It

ONE of the most persistent and predatory rascals in the North of England is a person named William Currie, of 29, Downing Street, Manchester, who lives almost entirely by his wits and who is so heartless in character that he laughs cynically over the helplessness of his countless dupes.

Currie has had a long run. His name is recorded in the police dossiers at Manchester and in various other parts of the country as that of a schemer of the worst type. Poor people, whose earnings are so miserably small that they can only buy household goods at the very lowest prices, are his easiest prey.

Frankly, we do not know why the law permits a man like Currie, with a record in commercial circles as black as soot, to carry on as audaciously as though he were a *bona-fide* trader.

The game of grab

For years he has run swindling companies in the North of England. Four of them, named at random, are the Dominion Trading Company, Currie's Stores, the Premier Supply Company, and William Currie and Co.

The *modus operandi* of this crook is to get goods on credit, advertise them below cost in unfair competition with honest traders, dispose of them to the bargain-seekers whose orders reach him first, and then, in many cases, to calmly pocket the money of the clients whose orders reach him after his stock has been dispersed.

Currie deals in a most variegated selection of goods—police capes, women's skirts, Highlander's outfits, leggings, harness, sponges, footballs, mess-tins, eggs, haversacks, quilts, crabs, pickles, sardines, jams, water-carriers, Scotch kilts, and so on!

To give an instance of his methods we refer to one of the thousands of complaints which have been lodged with the police.

Mr. J. Williams, of Llanycefn, South Wales, received, over a year ago, an alluring catalogue from one of Currie's priceless concerns—the Dominion Trading Company, aptly described as "The Manchester Bargain House."

Police as debt co.lectors

Mr. Williams sent Currie an order, together with 33s. 6d., in October, 1924. He received a few of the cheaper goods ordered, but the more valuable bargains for which he had paid were not forthcoming.

Mr. Williams wrote repeatedly for an explanation, but Currie was apparently too busy in his task of rooking other people to pay any attention to his client's appeals for satisfaction; nor did he show any willingness to return the money.

Mr. Williams eventually wrote to the police. He got a letter from Sir Robert Peacock, Chief Constable of Manchester, to say that one of his officers had "again interviewed William Currie, who stated that your order would be sent on the 12th inst." That was in December last.

Long ago we protested against the time of the police being taken up in debt-collecting, and we are sorry to say that a good deal of the time of officers in the Manchester area has been spent in interviewing Currie in connection with the thousands of complaints which have reached them about his methods of business.

Sir Robert Peacock, as we have stated, replied in Mr. Williams' case that Currie would send the goods on December 12 last.

Presumably this official statement was made because Currie had *promised* to do so (and, therefore, admitted having had the money). He did not send on the goods, however, and nearly two months afterwards Mr. Williams was again communicating with Sir Robert on the subject.

Sir Robert regretted that he was unable to assist the disillusioned client further, and went on to say that, having "carefully considered the circumstances of your case, I have come to the conclusion that your legal remedy is by taking proceedings in the county court."

Our reader did not do that. He is only a poor, struggling working man and cannot afford to resort to the exigencies of the law in this matter. But to this day he is still without his goods. And so are others innumerable!

William Currie is still undaunted. A whole morass of debt lies behind him. Nor does he endeavour to conceal from his neighbours and associates the fact that he is a thief.

The other evening, located in one of his favourite haunts, he was discussing with light-hearted ease the ingenious methods by which he generally obtains goods and money, and confidentially admitting that he would not mind, if overtaken by the law, "doing six months or so," so long as it was worth it.

The real reason why

We do not suppose he would, more particularly as our Special Commissioner has just discovered that Mr. Currie, apart from being fined for offences in connection with abuses of the Business Names Act has already been a guest of His Majesty for trickery and fraud. He seems to be rapidly qualifying for another spell.

Fraser, the Fee Snatcher

A Bogus Press Agency

A VERY ingenious swindle is now being worked in the City of London. It is one of the most extraordinary ramps we have ever been called upon to investigate.

Thousands of people in various parts of the country are receiving circulars from the Globe Press Agency, of 6, Lovell's Court, Paternoster Row, London, E.C.4.

These circulars state that, on receipt of a postal order for 5s., the agency will forward a personal news-item that has come into their hands.

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The heading of the circular is calculated to lead people to believe that the agency is an international concern, with its head office in New York. The sole representative for U.K. and Ireland is one Thomas H. Fraser.

Now, the Globe Press Agency is not to be found in any of the reputable commercial directories, nor has it been in existence at Lovell's Court for long. In fact, Mr. Fraser only appeared in that locality a few weeks ago!

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We are receiving a number of enquiries from Norfolk, as the Press Agency is at present "working" that county. Apparently, they are taking names and addresses from directories and sending out their circulars wholesale.

Those who have sent money in response have our sympathy, for letters are collected at Lovell's Court by an elusive person and taken elsewhere to be dealt with!

The whole business savours of a previous ramp that was brought to our notice earlier in the year, when circulars of a suspiciously similar character were being sent out by Mr. Albert C. Wood—first from 6, Dorset Street, Fleet Street, E.C.4, and then from 55, Red Lion Street, Holborn. W.C

In the latter case, Wood only paid to have his letters delivered there and gave an address in Wild Street, W., which, on investigation, proved to be false.

Mr. Albert C. Wood was less ambitious than Thomas H. Fraser, his fee for "an interesting overseas newspaper item" being 1s. 3d. But he raked in a goodly number of fees, and then quietly disappeared. All enquiries failed to trace him.

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There may be no connection between Mr. Wood and Mr. Fraser; but, in view of the similarity of the schemes, we would strongly advise our readers to ignore the latter's circulars completely.

We think the police would do well to investigate the matter, and get on the track of the person behind this ingenious method of lifting money from the public.

'John Bull's Gift

A Chorus of Praise

EVERY post is now bringing sacks of letters of appreciation from delighted recipients of JOHN BULL'S Great Gift of a Half-Guinea "Gillette" Razor Set.

JOHN BULL appreciates the kind thought that has prompted thousands of readers to sit down and write personal letters overflowing with thanks and satisfaction, and full of golden goodwill, which is cementing JOHN BULL readers into one big family.

Here are sentences taken at random from this mass of correspondence: "The Gift fills me with wonder. I would like to shake your hand and thank you personally." "A more handsome, useful and acceptable Gift could hardly be conceived." "I expected a safety razor, but not the superb article you sent me." "Quality is written all over it." "Far beyond my expectations."

This extract will particularly interest women readers: "My wife, who is shingled, is casting envious eyes upon my set."

But what fills JOHN BULL with pride, is not so much the fact that the Gift itself is appreciated, but rather that it has been the means of creating two regular readers of JOHN BULL where only one existed before.

Note that we say "regular" readers, for this correspondence goes to show that new readers were first attracted by the Gift and then by the paper itself, with the result that registration followed as a natural consequence.

The best twop nnyworth

"I am delighted with your Gift," writes R. G. M., of The Grove, Swanscombe, Kent. "I never took much notice of your paper before my friend told me about it, but now I think it is the best twopennyworth one could buy."

Another delightful letter comes from J. S. McA., of South View, Hazelrigg, who writes: "Your magnificent Gift reached me quite safely, as also did that of my friend, who is now a registered reader also. The razor which I have been using cost me a guinea—yours is altogether heavier and a better finished article."

R. C. S., of Craster Road, Brixton Hill, writes: "Your splendid Gift arrived yesterday. It is a beautiful Gift in every way and a reminder of the small part I played in your 'Million' campaign.

"I think JOHN BULL remarkably cheap at the price, and not only do registered readers know the value of your Free Insurance Gift, but the paper itself provides a fund of interesting reading. Never have I regretted filling in the 'little brown forms.'"

The little brown forms

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The Devil's Press Agent!

By the Rev. G. A. STUDDERT-KENNEDY, M.C. ("Woodbine Willie")

ARMISTICE DAY again . . . . . and we remember with thankfulness those who laid down their lives. Yet it is a terrible fact that engines of slaughter are still being prepared and poison propaganda disseminated among nations

NO one who lived through it is ever likely to forget the storm of horrified indignation that burst all over England when we learned of the first German gas attack at Ypres. It seemed as though hell were let loose and all the devils were swarming up to plague the sons of men. But it soon passed.

Gradually we became accustomed to the idea of chemical warfare as we shall become accustomed to any new devilry that the wit of men can devise to torture, blast and destroy their enemies in war. Now poison-gas is a recognised institution.

It is recognised as being futile and foolish to try and prevent its use by conventions or agreements of any sort, because if war breaks out it will inevitably be used. Quietly and without any fuss we are perfecting the use of it, as we are perfecting the rest of the war machine, availing ourselves of all the lessons of the late war.

It is not advertised or talked about; it is all done by strong, silent men, who have no delusions about world peace. War may be postponed, but it cannot be avoided, and we must be prepared, and so of course must every other "civilised" nation, and each one must be better prepared than its neighbours.

Propaganda poison

Pacts may be made and agreements come to, and the atmosphere of temporary security may be created, but the preparation goes steadily on underneath the surface.

The real poison gas is propaganda. On the efficiency of the propaganda department everything else depends. At a moment's notice every "civilised" nation must be ready with projectors to let loose upon the people clouds of poisonous lies.

They must be made to weep with slush and sentiment that they may not see, to choke with indignation, and to cringe with fear, that they may not think. Strong but subtle irritants to stir them to hatred must be invented. Truth is the last thing to be desired unless, of course, it happens to suit the one purpose, and then with a judicious mixture of falsehood it can be enormously effective.

Years afterwards the truth may come out, but the lies have served their purpose and people soon forget. They will be just as ready to believe that Russians torture women as they were to believe that Germans melted down their dead for glycerine, if Russia should happen to be the enemy.

Peace only a breather

It must not be supposed that all this is done deliberately and out of cynical wickedness. If it were it would be easier to cope with it. We could chain the devils up. But that is not the way of it at all. It is all part of the great delusion of war. It is simply that we have become accustomed to propaganda as we have become accustomed to poison-gas. It is a recognised institution.

The knowledge that it is for the country's sake obliterates the distinction between truth and falsehood. Therein lies the horror of nationalist passion; it has the power of turning good into evil, evil into good. All is grist that comes to its mill. It can make use of virtue and vice, of animal brutality and heroic self-sacrifice, of lust and of love, of truth and of falsehood.

Love can be a spur for heroes, lust a drug for cowards, truth can inspire, falsehood deceive, and they are all good because victory is good. A filthy joke or a splendid poem, it does not matter which, so long as they win the war. "Kamerade! I have a wife and four children; kill the b——, he might have four more"—(loud laughter)—or "Land of Hope and Glory, Mother of the Free," one is as good as the other.

Good is not good, evil is not evil; it is all the same. God Himself is as dead as mutton unless He can help to win the war.

But even in what is called "Peace," that is, the breathing space between two wars, this subconscious gas factory is steadily at work. The conviction that efficient armaments are an adequate insurance against war must be maintained; fear and suspicion of other nations must be judiciously, but steadily, fostered.

A feast or a fast?

Above all, we must keep alive the sentiment about war. The belief that death on the battlefield is the most heroic form of death, and that self-sacrifice in war is the highest form of self-sacrifice, is such a valuable asset that it must on no account be lost sight of. For this end the deep and natural sentiment of gratitude to and honour for the dead must be made use of.

Here is a chance to take the highest and most beautiful feeling and make it serve the cause of war. Every week the multitude of War memorials all over the country increases, and round every one of them a battle rages between the powers of good and evil, of truth and falsehood.

Every year Armistice Day sums up the message of the memorials and fixes it more firmly year by year. Every Armistice Day a great spiritual battle is fought, and is either lost or won. Shall we dance or shall we pray? Shall we rejoice or shall we repent? Is it a feast or is it a fast?

It has been much discussed this year. Is it merely a question of which is good taste, or does it go deeper than that? It goes much deeper.

Honour dishonoured

Armistice Day can be taken over by the subconscious gas factory, and made into a projector of subtle poison for the people's minds. There are thousands of people who assume without thought that its proper use is to strengthen the nationalist passion. They assume that the "Glorious Dead" are all British, or at most the dead of the Allied Nations, and that the armies are still drawn up face to face in Paradise.

To them it would be an insult, aye something like a blasphemy, to suppose that the German dead, the Austrian dead, the Turkish dead were glorious. Even the Russians who fell by thousands in the cause of freedom and of peace cannot be included now because there has been a revolution in Russia, and she will not say she is going to pay her debts. Fancy including the brothers and fathers of Bolsheviks amongst the glorious dead!

No, that must never be, for then Armistice Day would cease to be nationalist and become human, and then all possibility of using it for poison-gas purposes would be at an end.

Who are the glorious dead? If the glorious dead in whose memory we bow our heads in silence on November 11 include that great unnumbered, and wellnigh innumerable, host of all

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nations who fell in the brutal, bloody shambles caused by an outbreak of madness all over the world between 1914–1918, and we bow our heads in honour of their gallantry and in sorrow and shame for the crude and filthy theatre that sin provided for its display, then Armistice Day may be a blessing.

But if the Father's House in which there are many mansions is supposed to have special accommodation reserved for the glorious allies, and a notice posted up—Germans and Austrians not allowed, and Russians only admitted on oath of loyalty to the Czar, and on condition of an undertaking to pay their debts—then Armistice Day becomes a department of the poison gas and glory factory in preparation for the next war.

War against war

In that case, as otherwise the charities might suffer, let us dance on dead men's graves, and drink to the certain coming of the next war. In that case let us rejoice in the victory, for next time we may have to mourn defeat.

It were better then to be honest and keep Christ out of the beastly business altogether. The religious side of Armistice Day is then a farce that comes near to being a blasphemy. Armistice Day and the silence will prove to be a curse if they are made to serve the interests of the gas factory and keep the poison of nationalism in our veins.

But if in those two minutes' silence all barriers are broken down, and our common human sorrow realised, and we find new inspiration to war against the sin of war, then it will be a blessing. If in this sense it sums up the message of the memorials, and makes them silent witnesses to the waste and wrong of war, then it will be to our children a day of glory and of praise.

Victory not yet won

The battle is in the balance yet; the victory is not won. The hideous bulk of the Artillery Memorial is only bearable on condition that it be understood as a prayer for and a prophecy of the day when sacrifice shall bear its fruit, and avail to petrify the poison-factory and turn the bloody speech of guns into the silence of the stone.

So let us keep the day as a day when we face the facts, a day when mere sentiment hardens into a fixed determination to serve the truth, and see that their sorrow shall not be in vain.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. WINSTON S. CHURCHILL, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer.

DEAR MR. CHURCHILL,—I cannot believe the statement that you intend to appropriate the £17,000,000 surplus of the Road Fund for purposes of general expenditure. The blunt truth is that this money is not yours to take. It has all come out of the pockets of motorists in the shape of the horse-power tax, imposed on the definite understanding that the whole of its proceeds should be used for the maintenance and improvement of roads. To use the money for any other purpose, thus throwing the upkeep of roads on to the local rates, would be a piece of indefensible trickery.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Lord EUSTACE PERCY, M.P., President of the Board of Education.

DEAR SIR,—The other day I ventured to call your attention to the appalling shortage of school accommodation in the county of Essex. It now seems that not only is there very little of it, but what there is is bad. This, at any rate, is the impression to be gathered from the recent action of the Crittall Manufacturing Company which, in order to supplement the defective education of its employees, has established a system of continuation classes at its own cost. At the same time, the poorer ratepayers are bearing a heavy burden of taxation for which it is clear they are getting no adequate return. The whole position calls for thorough investigation. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. WALTER GUINNESS, M.P., Minister of Agriculture.

DEAR SIR,—The scourge of foot-and-mouth disease is acute. So rapid and mysterious is the spread of infection that farmers suspect the germs are carried in the clothes of Government inspectors. Confirmation is found in the fact that when one farmer resolutely refused to have his premises entered, his was the only stock unaffected throughout the epidemic. This is serious. A sterilised suit of overalls in a sealed metal case should be sent to every farm in an area where the disease has been notified. That inspectors should don these on entering, and discard them on leaving, is simply common sense. JOHN BULL.

To SAMUEL POPE, Esq., North London Police Court.

DEAR SIR,—You have a dash of humour as well as human justice in your composition. When a harassed sub-tenant complained to you of her inability to find a house, you advised her to go and shout on the doorstep of the local M.P. I like this idea. If all the houseless folk in all the towns stood shouting together at M.P.s, "We want houses," it might lead to a few arrests, but it would also compel attention to the scandalous shortage.

JOHN BULL.

To Dr. STELLA CHURCHILL, London County Council.

MADAM,—It has been left to you to point out a grave defect in the existing arrangements for child welfare. Although in many localities infant welfare clinics have been established there is no provision whatever for the medical care of children over two years of age and under five, many thousands of "toddlers" between these ages being thus needlessly exposed to the risk of preventable disease. This dangerous gap between the clinics and the schools ought immediately to be closed. After your damaging exposure the Ministry of Health can no longer ignore this scandal. JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. DEAN and STONEHOUSE, Magistrates, Hull.

GENTLEMEN,—You two were on the bench when John Batty, a cripple on crutches, was charged with begging for food. Admittedly the poor fellow had broken the law, but the circumstances which drove him to this extremity might have melted a heart of stone. Battered by every kind of misfortune, racked by pain and want, this man had previously scraped a living by playing a violin, but at last his fiddle failed him and hunger had its way. The recital of this sad story had about as much effect upon you as it might have had upon a couple of monkeys, and you sent Batty to prison for three months. Clearly you are quite unfit for your places. JOHN BULL.

To Lt.-Col. Hon. FRANCIS WILLEY, C.M.G., President, Federation of British Industries.

DEAR SIR,—Your warning to mischievous pessimists is timely. Jeremiahs on our tumbling fortunes do untold harm in America, where naturally business men hesitate to trade with a country on the verge of industrial and social chaos. If a muzzle could be put on all the old grousers who write frenzied letters to the *Times* declaring that "The country is going to the dogs, sir!" good would result. JOHN BULL.

To Signor ARROYO LAMEDA, Commercial Attache, Venezuela Legation.

DEAR SIR,—It is gratifying to have your opinion that British-made goods are of the best. But you think that British business men are too modest and do not advertise their goods enough. Venezuela is one of the fastest growing countries of today, and you think it only needs the essential advertising to make her a splendid market for British products. I trust your hint will be taken.

JOHN BULL.

To the "GIRL IN THE KIOSK," Wembley Exhibition.

MADEMOISELLE,—I do not know your name, only that throughout the run of the Empire Exhibition you had charge of a tobacco kiosk. You had good wages, and doubtless tips, but no permanency. Therefore, you saved your money, and when the exhibition closed down you purchased the booth and its contents and will set up in business in your native midland town. You deserve to prosper and I trust you will. JOHN BULL.

To the GENERAL COUNCIL, Trades Union Federation.

GENTLEMEN,—I am more than a little tired of your never-ending delegations to Russia, a country racked by centuries of oppression under Czardom and now struggling with an entirely experimental form of government. Why not, for a change, study America, where high wages rule, with increased production, and nearly every working-class family owns its car? JOHN BULL.

To MASTER LAURIE RICHARDSON, Crowthorpe, Selby.

DEAR LAURIE,—You are a fine little boy, not afraid of using muscle and wit. At eight years of age you perched your seven-year-old sister, Cynthia, on the cross-bar of your bicycle and took a twenty-mile trip to visit Aunt May in Leeds. What you forget was the anxiety you were causing your parents by your absence. If you always wait while you are little for their advice, your pluck and perseverance will stand you in good stead when you grow up. JOHN BULL.

THE SEVENTH MILESTONE

Straight from the Shoulder

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND: The red tail will wag the pink dog.

A pleasantry without humour or point in view of proved facts.

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LORD DARLING:—Man and woman have now become equal.

There is still room for spreading that opinion in the law courts.

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SIR W. JOYNSON-HICKS:—Nothing I say must interfere with a fair trial of the leaders of the Communist Party.

To make comments in a public speech is an interference.

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S. D. MACLEAN:—In the brain of the poorest child is the chance of the loftiest intelligence developing.

No better argument against cutting down education could be adduced.

Without Fear or Favour

OUR CHALLENGE to the CHURCH

Bogus Nurses

HOW much longer is the uniform of the hospital nurse to be degraded to the uses of vice and crime? This question, in the interests of public decency, demands a definite answer from the authorities.

At the recent Middlesex Sessions, a woman named Grace Zrammer was tried upon nine charges of robbery. During the War she had done a little hospital work, but since the Armistice had lived the life of an adventuress, sinking from one depth of disgrace to another, and finally settling down to a career of crime.

Only three months before she had been released from Holloway Prison, where she had served a sentence for fraud. Apart from her good looks, the woman's chief stock in trade were the cap and cloak of the hospital nurse which, without a shadow of right, she had flaunted upon all occasions, using them as a means of worming her way into the confidence of those whom she intended to cheat and rob.

A sentence of three years' penal servitude has cut short this creature's heartless depredations, but the abuse of the nurse's uniform still goes on and almost every day fresh scandals are brought to light.

At night in the West End of London it is no uncommon thing to see women in nurses' uniforms behaving in a way which, if they were actually amenable to hospital discipline, would soon entail the loss of their situations.

As a matter of fact, of course, they are not nurses at all, but women of the worst character who have donned this uniform as a means of attracting or of avoiding attention.

The blame rests with the authorities, who should at once take steps, by legislation if need be, to confine the use of this honourable garb to those who by character and training have earned the right to wear it.

Dirty Tactics

IF the *Daily Mail* were capable of learning from experience, the lesson of the municipal elections should not be lost on it.

Its senseless attempt to make a "Red" panic of the elections has recoiled on its own head. As a contemporary points out, it is left neatly impaled on the horns of a dilemma.

It must either admit that the Labour Party is not the Communist Party or confess that it has not the slightest influence over the thinking public.

The Labour Party has every right to resent the dirty methods of the *Daily Mail*. It is a legitimate Party, with every claim to consideration by the electorate.

It is interesting to speculate how far Labour's success in these elections has been due to the false exaggeration of the Rothermere Press.

The British people like fair play and resent underhand tactics. We fancy this has had quite a lot to do with it.

Dare It Tell the Truth?

THE people are fast losing their faith in the Church. Its profession and its practice are clearly at variance. To the organised Christian Church we issue a challenge in specific terms

EACH year as Armistice Day approaches we wait for an event that never comes. Each year we see an opportunity missed, and marvel at the blindness and hypocrisy of the Christian Churches.

We wait for the Christian Church to initiate a united Christian protest against war, for its leaders to come out boldly before the public and proclaim the abhorrence of the Church for the crime of organised murder that masquerades as war. Why do they not do so? Do they remember, as we remember, a certain night in the House of Commons during the War? Do they still hear, as we hear, the Secretary of State for War announcing in unctuous tones that "The pulpits have been our best recruiting stations"?

The Archbishop of Canterbury

Are they conscious of the fact that in those words was uttered their condemnation, the public proof that they had betrayed their Founder?

We challenge the Church to do its duty, and to testify to its belief in the faith that is mumbled weekly from a thousand pulpits.

Does the Church dare to say that the Commandment "Thou shalt not kill" is only applicable to the individual? Does it dare to assert that emperors and kings and statesmen are above the Divine Law?

Unless it does so dare how can it justify not only its tacit acquiescence in war, but its open support of it?

No reasonable man can doubt that, if the whole weight of the Christian Church of Europe had been thrown on to the side of peace in 1914, there would have been no war.

NOR can there be any doubt that if the Church had preached peace with the fervency of a crusade since the War ended there would to-day be not the smallest risk of Armageddon recurring. In our view the Church has shirked, and is still shirking, a national duty, a Christian duty, and a Divine command.

Individual members raise their voices in protest against the piling up of unnecessary armaments, but the voice of the organised Church is silent.

Here and there comes support for the League of Nations, but the Church as a national force has nothing to say.

President Coolidge proposes a Disarmament Conference—and the Church is silent, wilfully ignoring the truth that "he who is not for us is against us."

The alliance of Church and State is an unholy wedlock that stifles the voice of Christian truth and stills the promptings of the Church's conscience.

WE do not believe for a moment that the Church does not know where its duty lies. At the same time we do not disguise our contempt for professing Christians who dare not give a lead to the nation.

We challenge the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to state publicly their conviction that, as the heads of the Christian Church in this country, they believe war to be wrong, and the war spirit to be utterly and irrevocably opposed to the teachings of Christ.

We challenge them to make it clear beyond question that the Christian Church as an organisation is opposed to war.

The War went a long way towards destroying the faith of the people in orthodox Christianity. It went far towards giving point to the bitter cry that "Christ was the first and last Christian."

That is why we challenge the Church to restore our faith.

That Million!

EVER since we announced that the net sale of JOHN BULL was over a million a week, we have been overwhelmed with a flood of congratulations from our readers.

It is impossible to reply to each one personally, much as we should like to do so; but we wish to thank everyone for the kind things they have said.

"It has been a great victory," writes one, "and we feel proud to have taken part in it."

Another regards the result, as we do, as "a vote of confidence," while a third says, "Now that our paper is fully introduced there is not the slightest doubt that its independence, fearlessness and democracy will endear it to our new friends."

Typical of scores is the letter that says: "A paper handicapped by a weakness for truth has many enemies to overcome. We are proud of the fight you have put up against the malignant evils in our midst and the mischievous practices that our civilisation makes possible.

"Free from Party ties or selfish interests, JOHN BULL has been tireless in its efforts for peace at a time when such a struggle is most needed.

"May you long continue to spread the gospel of peace and humanity."

We could quote hundreds more, all full of friendship and affection, all talking of "our paper" and the magnificent sale that "we" have achieved.

It is the sincerity of these letters that is our pleasantest reward.

With such encouragement we look forward to the time when we shall approach the second million, for we have no intention of standing still.

We shall continue to work for the cleansing of public life, and for the creation of a body of informed public opinion with the same vigour that we have adopted in the past.

Now for the second million!

The Pit

FROM time to time newspaper readers are favoured with vivid descriptions of scenes in American and Canadian "wheat pits" where men with money gamble feverishly in the commodity which is life or death to millions whom they have never seen.

Here are men who have borne no share in the burden of production reaping profits which at times reach colossal figures by the mere artful manipulation of stocks.

Consumers in every land are taxed, not to ensure that a fair price shall be paid to those who wrest from Nature her life-giving tribute, but to enable an unscrupulous gang of money-jugglers to live without honest work.

Some day we shall grow wiser than this. The community which needs bread will see that its wheat is bought by the sensible use of public credit instead of in the scramble of the wheat-pits which serve no purpose other than to pile up the fortunes of speculators out of the pence of the poor.

H. M. the King, who by his observance of Armistice Day sets an example to the nation

Is Death the End?

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

EVERYTHING in life depends upon our attitude towards life. The spirit of irresponsibility so widely prevalent is as bad for the nation as for the individual. Armistice Day should serve to awaken a vitality that will tend to benefit mankind

UNLESS a man is sunken in bestiality, or is tittering away his soul in the destructive effeminacy now fashionable in plutocratic circles, Armistice Day must surely send his thoughts far afield from the trivial hurly-burly of our planet, the earth.

Up into the vast of infinite space, and up into the unbroken silence of the everlasting universe, his thoughts will travel with the immemorial yearning of man's heart for knowledge of the mystery of existence, wondering if his boy was blotted out by the explosion of a German shell, like a scrap of paper flung into a fire, or whether, in one of the planets visible like the point of a pin to human eyes, that young life is still conscious of love and aspiration, still a citizen of God.

"We never understand death," says an old writer, "until he lays his hands on one whom we love." During the Great War, death laid his hands, and with a terrible roughness, on millions of young men, the very flower of our race, and if we do not now understand death certain it is that we never shall understand it. It is, to speak in a paradox, the supreme fact of life.

Inevitable fate

Sooner or later, peacefully or violently, we close our eyes on the sights of this beautiful little earth, and all the sounds of man's various activity fail to reach our ears. We are taken up by the living, borne away from our familiar home, buried in the ground, and our possessions are divided among our friends. In a little time we are forgotten.

This is the inevitable fate of every living creature. It is the one thing certain in the future.

But is it the end? That is the question which confronts us all; it confronts us with a most poignant and particular intensity on such an occasion as Armistice Day. At this moment it is pressing for an answer at the broken hearts of men and women in Germany, as well as in France and England, Italy and Austria, the Dominions and America.

Is death the end? Is there no hope of reunion? All the earth is full of that cry. God alone knows how many hundreds of thousands of people are piteously longing at this very moment for an answer to this greatest of all human questions.

The outside of the platter

But for the unthinking part of mankind it is an idle question; and so we find that Armistice Day is everywhere to be celebrated by feasts and dances. The bloody sacrifice of beautiful and innocent boys on the altar of patriotism is to be celebrated by dressing up in fine clothes, eating and drinking more than is good for body's health, and dancing like so many lunatics to music which had its origin in the degraded brain of barbarous negroes.

No doubt the festivity will flock itself with the National Flag, while the National Anthem (which is both a prayer and a hymn) will conclude the revels; but the inspiration of the jollification will be nothing but a selfish determination to get as much animal pleasure out of life as money can contrive.

This spirit, which is not definitely wicked, and which does not definitely break any of the Ten Commandments is, in my opinion, a greater menace to humanity than all the plottings of crackbrained Communists and all the sins of drunkards and harlots.

For it exists in all classes, and witnesses to the most insolent attitude towards life which any man can imagine, while it is also the declaration of a candid and contemptuous materialism which has the effrontery to challenge the very soul of evolution.

From savagery to godliness

Let me explain what I mean. Whether death is an end or merely a stage in the great drama of existence, certain it is that the evolution of the human spirit can continue only so long as moral aspiration is a law of human life.

We must want higher enjoyment, we must strive after greater moral perfection, and we must believe in the progress of humanity; if not, we can no more hope to escape barbarism than a mother who starves and ignores her child can expect to see that child grow up to manhood.

Everything in life depends upon our attitude towards life. If we treat it as something illogical and contemptible we shall ourselves become illogical and contemptible; and if we treat it as something great, noble and infinitely precious we ourselves shall reflect these great qualities in our souls.

If we live as though no God exists to Whom we are responsible for our words and deeds, we shall sink below the level of the beasts; but if we live in the love and knowledge of God we shall intensify in ourselves those great spiritual qualities which have lifted man to his present high estate.

Let us remember for our encouragement that the greatest of the sons of men, in all ages, and in all countries, have believed that death is not an end of life, but rather an escape from the illusion of materialism. There was never a time in man's history when irreverence and sensuality had less excuse for their existence.

We are living on a planet which is an integral part of a universe inconceivably magnificent. We are laying hands on forces which are both invisible and intangible, and compelling them to serve our ends. We have advanced from the state of savagery to a state which, in comparison, is godlike.

It may be that it is in our destiny to unlock the door of death and to reveal immortality as a fact of existence. We seem to be moving in that direction.

But whether that great revelation shall be or not, this at least is as certain now as it ever can be—that love of what is good, pure, unselfish, and noble leads the soul into a region which is so absolutely different from the region of evil and selfishness and vulgarity that it may be called heaven on earth.

Perhaps there is no thought for Armistice Day more likely to benefit mankind than the thought that it is our attitude towards life which determines everything else.

Man's worst enemy

Until we get that right we shall have not only beanfeasts in celebration of tragic self-sacrifice, but political confusion, economic instability, and all the destructive vulgarities of ignorance and folly. In a word, materialism is the worst enemy of man's soul.

Perhaps if we ceased our various efforts to celebrate Armistice Day, and merely listened with our hearts for the voices of our loved ones, we should be told that the universe is not a chaos, that the progress of mankind is not in vain, and that love, unselfish and aspiring, is the key to immortality.

The Black

Whilst admitting the principle of equal racial treatment, the intermarriage of white and black must be opposed

LORD WILLINGDON, former Governor-General of Madras and Bombay, recently appealed for equality of treatment for the coloured man. He was only repeating one of the fundamentals of the British Empire.

Lord Willingdon

But there are certain deep instincts in human nature which cannot be lightly ignored. We can give the coloured man—and we do give him—absolute equality before the law. We can strive for economic equality for the native, and it is all to our interest that we should achieve it.

Low wages paid to the native labourers in Indian mines and cotton mills, sweated labour conditions amongst the child workers in Chinese factories, all help to depress the wages of the workers in the textile mills of Lancashire or the tinplate workers in Wales.

That is where the native worker is concerned in his own country. Let him understand the Englishman is there as a friend and not as an exploiter.

But there is a limit in our desire to grant equality and friendship beyond which we cannot go without violating one of the fundamental instincts of the human race—to preserve the purity of our stock.

Where, abroad, the races of European stock and those of non-European stock live side by side, this line is in most cases rigidly adhered to. Where this principle has been departed from trouble has always ensued.

But the rule must be just as strictly observed where there are colonies of African natives or Chinese in this country, whether at the seaports, the East End of London or in our great cities.

THE undercutting by Asiatic or coloured labour living at a lower standard of life can be prevented here as it is in the United States of America. But whereas this undercutting only affects the actual workers whose wages are threatened, the far greater evil of inter-marriage rouses an instinct in the breast of men of white European stock which cannot be explained away or ignored.

Nor do the enlightened leaders of the coloured races and, least of all, do the educated Chinese

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MR. B... go... himself

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A Press vendetta

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Rothermere's Rant

by A. G. GARDINER

MR. BALDWIN is still Prime Minister of England and responsible for the government of the country. He must get on wi h his job and not allow himself to be jerked off the track either by subordinate Ministers or the leaders of a disgruntled Press

The Right Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., Prime Minister

IN a recent article signed by that negligible person, Lord Rothermere, Mr. Baldwin was taken to task for his wicked tendencies towards Bolshevism and was warned that he must get back to high-and-dry Toryism. He is not to drive full-steam ahead; he is to drive full-steam backwards.

If he does that he will have the support of this wiseacre which is at present denied him. He will also have a glorious smash and disappear in his own wreckage.

But I don't think he is likely to do it. One of the most creditable facts about Mr. Baldwin is that he has refused to take his orders from Fleet Street. Hence the envenomed fury with which he is pursued by those Siamese twins of the Press, Lord Rothermere and Lord Beaverbrook.

Times have changed. For years these people had the run of Downing Street, knew all its secrets, laid its mines and fired its rockets, got titles galore, and in return gave out to the mob the dope that was to bemuse and stupify it.

It is Mr. Baldwin's most distinguished claim to gratitude that he has broken up this long-firm fraud between the politicians and the Press magnates. He has cleaned the stables of Downing Street, and Lord Rothermere and his stable companion are shut out in the street.

A Press vendetta

Hence their lamentations and the daily torrent of gibes and sneers poured out against him in the multitude of newspapers which the Siamese twins control. Their aim is to pull him down and get installed in his place one of their political cronies who will welcome them back and make them warm and comfortable in Downing Street.

As one who believes in Parliamentary government and not in government by corrupt bargains between statesmen and newspaper owners, I want Mr. Baldwin to defeat this Press vendetta.

I do not think there is any likelihood of his buying Lord Rothermere's support by yielding to Lord Rothermere's panic fears about property. Mr. Baldwin is a Conservative, but he is an enlightened Conservative.

He understands quite well that a policy of reactionary die-hardism at the present time would destroy both his Government and his country, and his wise aim has been to compose differences and not to excite them.

Britain the banker

Wherever his own influence has prevailed, it is not untrue to say that things have improved, and if the Locarno settlement can be ratified he and Mr. Chamberlain will have done more to restore the prosperity of Europe and of this country than anyone else has done since the War.

The latest act of his Government in removing the embargo on foreign loans is no less wise. The great strength of this country in the past has been that it has been a lending country. We have held the purse of the world, and countries which had great possibilities but little ready cash have borrowed from us in order to build their railways, electrify their industries, and develop their resources.

India, China, Australia, the Argentine, Brazil and many other lands have been enriched by our power of the purse and we have been enriched in return.

We have been enriched in two ways. The interest on our loans has been one of the most important parts of our national income. It has enabled the trade balance of the country to be on our side even in the darkest times of depression. The second effect is the influence upon trade.

When the Argentine borrows money from us for railways, tramways, electric installations and so on, it borrows in order to buy, *and it buys where it borrows*. That is to say, the money we lend goes out in the shape of rails, engines, machinery and what not made in our forges and workshops.

It is this fact which makes our foreign loan business so vital a part of our prosperity. When we cut off loans after the War we cut off trade. We sent foreigners and even Colonials to America, not only to borrow money, but to give out orders for goods.

Now that the embargo is removed, there is every reason to hope that the tide will flow again, and that the money we lend to overseas countries will really go in a large measure to fertilise our own industry, start our own factories and relieve our own unemployment.

A promising outlook

I do not think that any more promising intimation that the awakening is at hand has happened than the announcement that we are once again a lending nation. Let them all come to borrow our spare money and bring us their orders. Even Lord Rothermere ought to take his "hat off" to Mr. Baldwin for this good news.

The trouble with Mr. Baldwin is not Mr. Baldwin, but some of Mr. Baldwin's colleagues. If his spirit and that of Mr. Chamberlain represented the Government we should not have much ground for complaint. But it does not.

While Mr. Baldwin is working honestly I am sure, and not ineffectively, I think, to smooth out the troubled tangle of things, some of his colleagues of the die-hard and unteachable variety are working in the contrary direction.

There is, for example, that able but mischievous person Mr. Amery who, more than anyone else, has embarked us on that appalling extravagance at Singapore, the financial effect of which is to burden us with more liabilities and the political effect of which is to create suspicion of us in Japan, and who is responsible for the grave menace that hangs over us in the Mosul region.

The truth about Mr. Amery is that he is a die-hard Jingo, whose whole attitude is aggression and warlike preparation and who represents the very antithesis of the Baldwin point of view.

Foes from within

And there is Sir William Joynson-Hicks, that amazing busybody, who is the last man who should be in so critical a place as the Home Office at a time when the industrial situation is so delicate and needs firm and sagacious handling.

I am as little of a Communist as Sir William, but I am sure that the worst way of fighting Communism is to attempt to drive it underground and to force the reasonable mass of the Labour movement, which is hostile to the Communist idea, into the Communist camp.

If Mr. Baldwin's Government is in danger it is not because of his own moderate spirit, but because of the die-hards who are defeating his reconciling policy.

Let him drop his Amerys and Joynson-Hickses, and rest himself frankly on a policy of appeasement at home and abroad, and he will command the confidence of the country in a large measure than anyone else.

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by Lieut.-Commander the Hon. J. M. KENWORTHY, R.N., M.P.

themselves, encourage mixed marriages. No one will deny that many coloured men married to British wives have proved good husbands and fathers. The products of these mixed marriages are frequently highly intelligent and sharp-witted; it is frequently the case that they inherit the worst features of the characters of both sides.

IF the association of coloured seamen, Chinese coolies and other non-Europeans with white women and girls in our cities and seaports is not discouraged, we shall pay for it in two ways, apart from the unhappiness caused in so many cases.

In the first place, we shall have a repetition of the serious racial riots that have already occurred in various parts of the country; in the second place, the returning Africans and Asiatics will spread stories that will lower us in the estimation of their fellow-natives.

The United States of America has a similar trouble on a much more serious scale. But in the United States there is a tacit avoidance of those social relationships which may lead to marriage between the whites and the coloured people.

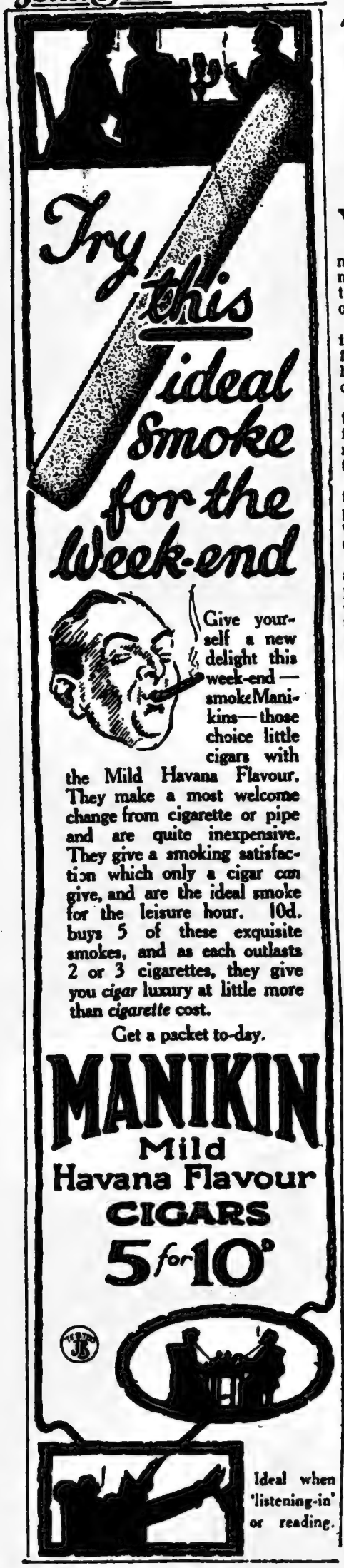
Here in England we are more careless. We shrug our shoulders at the not infrequent marriages of coloured students attending our Universities, or at the alliances contracted in the East End of London and other seafaring districts between coloured men and Chinese and Englishwomen and girls.

Many of these alliances are contracted at certain bogus night clubs which seem to exist for the purpose of bringing together coloured men and white women. It is time they had the special attention of the Home Secretary and the police.

On the other hand, everything possible should be done to discourage marriage between these men and white women. The clergy, social workers, the police and all well-meaning persons can help in this matter. And one of the most important factors is public opinion.

THIS does not mean that we should preach any hostility to our coloured fellow-human beings, especially those who are fellow-citizens of the Empire. But in the long run it is in their own interest that they should seek mates amongst their own people.

It is right that we should look upon the native of Africa or China who visits this country as a friend and a brother; but in the interests of the coloured man himself and our own people, we cannot look upon him as a potential brother-in-law.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THE REAL CORPSE FACTORY

by CAPT. WEDGWOOD BENN, D.S.O., D.F.C.

"HELL" is the only word that can describe what the world went through during the War. This terrible experience will have been all in vain unless the outcome is the determination of nations to live in future in peace and good will

WHAT thoughts are in our minds on Armistice Day, and particularly during those two minutes of dedicated silence? Uppermost and overwhelming are pride and thankfulness for the will and the deeds of those that are gone.

In millions of homes in all lands there is a celebration before the picture, the few medals, perhaps the sword, which, hung together on the wall, form the cherished domestic altar.

But is that all? Are we sure that their work is really accomplished, and the freedom of mankind secure? Have we not a task in perfecting the deliverance they began, for those that come after us?

In a word, can we hasten away from the darkness of the Crucifixion with a pious tear? Are we not rather, whether we wish it or no, the ordained apostles of a new faith?

Even now it is difficult to review and appraise the facts of the War in true perspective. If they are recalled, and enough time has passed for them to be seen in something of their true horror, the purpose is not to impute blame nor to satisfy morbidity. It is just to make clear the urgent, inexorable need for the great peace crusade.

War's terrible child

The statistics are well known. As computed by General March, 7,273,000 died in battle and of wounds received in battle. That is but the outline of the story. Disease is the child of war.

A resolution passed by the League of Nations Sanitary Conference at Warsaw in 1922 refers to the outbreaks of typhus, typhoid, cholera, dysentery and smallpox which arose in consequence of the War, and states, as an example, that the incidence of typhus in Russia had risen from some 90,000 cases before the War to 3,000,000 in 1920.

Were it possible to describe in detail the fate of each of the seven million victims of mutilation and disease, the tale would even then be but half told.

Moreover, the horrors of the last War, as is universally recognised, gave but a hint of what might come in the future. We know that one result of the War was to stimulate scientific research and direct it in paths of destruction.

Sir Oliver Lodge has stated that there is a corrosive poison now invented one drop of which falling upon a person will produce death.

Hymns of hate

Major Lefebure, who was liaison officer between Great Britain and France for chemical warfare, in an article published some four years ago, speaking with authority on the subject, described this as a decisive weapon.

The enormously increased power of air bombardment has frequently been explained, and its combination with gas warfare means that large civilian populations may be the first victims of any future outbreak.

Amid such prospects it seems idle to speak of moral degradation, yet war leads—it has lead in our own experience—to the gradual abandonment of all those principles which make it possible for man to live with man in society.

No one desires to recall the authenticated instances of an almost incredible brutality, but we may examine for a moment the way in which respect for truth went the way of respect for life in the great world War.

While it is comforting to learn that so much was lying invention, it is a bitter discovery for those who were the credulous victims of an organised campaign of mob hate.

The latest example, fresh in the minds of all, is the reminder by General Charteris of the great "Corpse Factory" stimulus to recruiting. Two years ago, Admiral Sims, speaking at Los Angeles, denied in general terms even the charges of cruelty against the commanders of German submarines.

The factory of lies

We may note with detached contempt that the method of the lie is still considered serviceable, for the other day came a cheerful message to the *Times* from Abdel Krim's Foreign Minister, who was recently "blown from the mouth of a cannon" for treachery.

If this were the whole story—lies, barbarism and murder—we might well despair of human nature and resign ourselves to the ultimate blotting-out of civilisation. But it is not the whole story. Even universal conflict cannot destroy utterly the spirit of brotherhood in mankind.

Here are three stories from many. During the War a British aeroplane crashed in Wiltshire and the pilot was in imminent danger of being burnt to death. A German prisoner, Bruckman by name, at the risk of his life, saved his enemy.

Captain Day, commanding the *Kinfauns Castle*, rescued in terrific weather and at grave risk 385 persons from the German liner *Hammonia*, thus getting more than morally equal with those who had torpedoed him in the *Glenart Castle*.

Patriotism not enough

Edith Cavell, on the morning of her execution, used the famous words: "They have all been very kind to me here. But this I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity: I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred nor bitterness towards anyone."

The vital question is, Which spirit will conquer? Is it reasonable to base our policy on the success of the better side? Let us hear no more of "human nature being what it is." Human nature is diverse. Can reason and brotherhood be made to prevail?

Can we achieve, not the abolition of force indeed (we all respect the policeman), but the abolition of war?—that is to say, is it a goal worthy of thinking men and women that armed force shall be reserved for the execution of world judgments, that it should not even be thought of as the arbiter in private disputes between nations?

How far do facts support this hope? First, we may note that, in a vague and partial way, the world is already groping after this idea of treaties of arbitration.

Perhaps the best examples of their working are to be found in the New World. At this moment a quarrel between Peru and Chile over the provinces of Tacna and Arica is in process of peaceful settlement by the decision of a third party; forty years ago it was the subject of a war.

The case of Canada is often, and rightly, cited. Four thousand miles of boundary between the two greatest Powers in the world are without a single frontier post or armed guard.

Capt. Wedgwood Benn, D.S.O.

In the snows of the Andes stands a figure of Christ, and beneath is written: "Sooner shall these mountains crumble into dust than the people of Argentina and Chile break the peace which they have sworn to maintain at the feet of Christ the Redeemer." Is it really a fools' dream to think that these are sporadic whims and not pioneer examples?

A step forward

The Locarno treaty is a step forward over far more difficult ground. The way to security, which formerly was sought in the old and demonstrably false tag, "If you wish peace, prepare for war," is seen to lie in the support of the Court of Civilisation.

But that is not all. Pacific platitudes are not enough. More is required; a definite remodelling of national policies; a final renunciation of aggression and expansionism, by whatever phrase disguised; "the settlement of every question," as President Wilson put it, "not upon the basis of the material interest or advantage of any . . . nation . . . for the sake of its own exterior influence or mastery."

That principle, as it was a condition of the Armistice and Peace, is an essential condition of the new order. To work for this is no mere vision. If we fail, then the widows, fatherless and childless must know that the sacrifices of war have been in vain.

Our sacred trust

A German officer wrote in October, 1917: "Oh, this dreadful necessity which drives men one against the other. He who has gone through what we have undergone here will be a lifelong enemy of war. If peace could come about now, our children will be preserved from war by our experience."

Tom Kettle, the brilliant Irish politician and professor, wrote: "I want to live to use all my powers of thinking, writing and working to drive out of civilisation the foul thing called war, and to put in its place understanding and comradeship."

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THE GREAT "SLINK" PLOT

by ARNOLD FREEMAN HOLT

THOSE who deal in diseased food and scheme to place it on the market are murderers of the foulest kind. Stern sentences of imprisonment are the only worthy punishment; fines are paid from blood-stained profits

I WAS talking recently to a farmer who was bewailing the loss of a cow condemned under the new tuberculosis order. The beast had proved to be full of disease when opened up, but it was not the condition of the carcase that was peeving the farmer.

"I wish to Hamlet I'd never sent for the 'vet,'" he said. "It would never have been reported then. If I'd telephoned to So-and-So I'd have got £10 for it for 'slink.' Now I shall only get quarter value compensation, and have to pay expenses out of that."

"Slink" meat is meat which would be condemned as unfit for human consumption if seen by an inspector—diseased meat—yet in defiance of the law and with cynical indifference to the health of consumers, for the sake of the extra profit a big trade—an increasing trade—is done, up and down the country, in this infected and infectious meat. Quite possibly it was meat of this description you had for your dinner last Sunday.

Plausible excuses

It is quite true that farmers and butchers engaged in this trade put up a sort of defence. I give it for what it is worth.

They have told me that they have eaten meat "full of tuberculosis" themselves; that it was as nice beef as anyone can wish to have; that cooking kills disease germs: and that the assertion that diseased meat will infect the eaters of it is so much medical eyewash for which they are not going to (in the case of farmers) incur avoidable losses, or (in the case of the meat traders) forgo solid profits.

I have plenty of first-hand evidence as to the solidity of the profits. Here is one example, selected haphazard. "A," a farmer, had a beast which was ailing. If he sent for a "vet" there was the risk that it might be found to be suffering from something the "vet" is bound to report. If he sent it to the slaughter-house it might be found to be in such a condition that an inspector would condemn it.

He telephoned to a man who does a very big trade, both legitimate and illegitimate, and with whom he had had many dealings in "slink." (The merest accident prevented him dealing with a beast suffering from anthrax in this way.)

Big profits for big risks

Later in the day a big open touring car, two men in it, drove up to the farm. The cow was bought for £6. It was killed in the barn with a humane killer. Its fore and hind feet were drawn together. A chain block was fixed to a beam, the carcase hoisted up, the car was run underneath it, and the carcase was lowered into the back part of the car. Rugs were thrown over it, and the car was off.

No one would dream that the fine car was running an illicit cargo. The dealer said, afterwards, that the beast, as meat, had realised over £20. They had to make big profits, he added, to compensate for the risks.

The "slink" buyer pays from £4 to £12 for each beast, but, I may add, the price is usually nearer the first figure than the last. Prices have been higher, however, since the compensatory tuberculosis order came into force.

Additional evidence of the profitable nature of the trade may be found in the fact that one man in the trade pays cattle dealers, who visit farms in the course of their business, £1 for every sick beast they report to him. He does the rest, is very well-to-do, and has boasted of the thousands he has made in the trade.

A beast sold for "slink" is always killed on the spot. The essence of the trade is speed: a quick kill and a quick get away. Thus, motor-cars have helped to extend the business by the ease with which buyers can get out to the country farms and the lack of suspicion attaching to the journeyings of a private touring car.

Some dealers, however, use motor-vans with impunity. One I know has advertisements on the sides. They are not butchers' advertisements.

Inspectors hoodwinked

How can inspectors hope to cope with such a trade? They can inspect meat shown in shops (in many country towns it is seldom or never that they do), but they cannot inspect the stuff they do not see, and the report of the number of pounds of meat condemned each year bears no relation to the amount of unsound meat consumed.

A skilled "slink" dealer can "place" all his meat without sending it to a market where it may be inspected, nor does the retailer who buys from him put the stuff in the shop window. Much of the meat in the "order" trade never goes over a shop counter at all. Often enough it is never cut up on the butcher's shop premises.

The parts of a diseased beast which are exposed or sale *in a district where an inspector visits the shops* are the parts which, cut off from the carcase, do not show signs of disease that an inspector could not overlook. The parts which show signs of disease, including the "lights," etc., are dealt with elsewhere. They reach the public in some form or other.

Under cover of darkness

That is one reason why no person ought to be permitted to make or prepare such meat foods as brawn, sausages, black-puddings, meat pies, potted meat, meat pastes, tongue, etc., except on premises licensed for the purpose and regularly inspected.

The penalty for breach ought to be imprisonment without the option, else some places I know of would still be carried on, especially where the work is done in the night.

I have said that ailing beasts bought for "slink" are always slaughtered at the farm, but also, day after day, slink bodies of beef leave slaughterhouses, and not always for the destructor.

Many a beast is apparently fit and well when it is taken to the butcher. Not until it is opened is it found to be diseased.

I have space for just one illustration of how such carcases are often dealt with.

Deceptive appearance

"X." is a wholesale butcher. The first beast to be killed the other day was a magnificent one, to all appearances. It was killed, opened, and found to be full of disease.

It was thrown into a motor-van (had an inspector arrived at that moment no doubt it would have gone to the destructor) and taken to a field belonging to the butcher, placed in a hollow and covered up. Before the day was far advanced a second one joined it. At night they were taken by the slink merchants by devious means to their favourite towns.

Mr. Arnold Freeman Holt

These men have necessarily to use many devices in their efforts to outwit inspectors and police. I heard one of the big men of the trade say, "Never worry much about what the inspectors might do next. Always be thinking of what you're going to do next, and you can laugh."

Audacious exploits

As an example of quickness of wit and audacity I give the following. A police sergeant and a constable arrived at a farm at a time when there was, in the barn, a beast killed and ready to be taken away.

The sergeant expressed a desire to look over the place. The farmer asked for his warrant. The sergeant had not one. "Then," said the farmer, "you don't set a foot inside any building of mine until you get one." The sergeant went off for a warrant, leaving the constable on guard.

Immediately he was gone the doors on the farther side of the barn were opened, the car containing the "slink" driven out, round the farm buildings, then down the road past the police-man on guard. When the sergeant returned with the warrant there was not even a visible trace of blood.

I have known many strange hiding places—one contrived out of a haystack—but I have written enough to indicate the need for some strengthening of the law.

Send them to prison!

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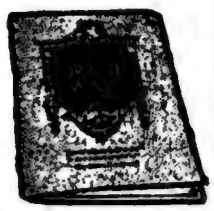

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BISHOPS IN BLINKERS

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS!

by **ERNEST THURTLE, M.P.**

THERE is a classic Russian story of misplaced sympathy that tells of a fine lady, reading a novel in her warm coach, who weeps scalding tears of sympathy over the woes of the hero. Meanwhile she is quite oblivious of the sufferings of her coachman outside, who becomes stiff and lifeless in driving through a bitter snowstorm.

I am reminded of this story when I think of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He is, apparently, sorely grieved at the distress of the Iraq Christians. He would have you and me weep for the woes of these Christian brethren in the neighbourhood of Mosul.

Perhaps we ought to do so. But what about our Christian brethren in the huddled hells of Hoxton and Bethnal Green, and the many other stricken areas of our own fair and pleasant land? Are they not in deep distress and in desperate need of succour?

Cannot the Archbishop spare some sympathy and help for them? Why should he hear the call from the distant desert and be deaf to the bitter cry from our own slums?

The distant scene

In thousands of mean, dingy streets people are living lives of appalling drabness. In rat-ridden, tumbledown houses, with leaky roofs, there are families of six, seven and eight persons living in one room, a room common to the whole family for practically all purposes of life and death.

These living hells are endured with astounding patience by a long-suffering people. These people are the friends and relatives of the men whose graves lie scattered over Europe and Asia, who fought for peace and a better world. A better world!

They are not a thousand miles away. Their hovels are very near, indeed, to the palaces of the Bishops, but the spiritual lords fail to see them, and fix their gaze instead on the sands of Mesopotamia. A Christian campaign to stir up hatred against the Turk? Yes, certainly. But no Christian campaign against the horrors and the agonies of the slums!

His Grace of Canterbury has written a letter to the Prime Minister expressing fears that the Iraq Christians may be deserted.

Archiepiscopal ignorance

He avows that he knows nothing about the oil interests said to be involved, nothing about the possible financial cost of prolonging our occupation of Iraq, nothing about the possibility of war with Turkey—he knows nothing of these things, but still he thinks we ought to remain in Iraq.

I am not an old man, but I seem to remember an Archbishop's blessing on the South African War, likewise a condonation of the importation of Chinese labour into compounds on the ground of "regrettable necessity."

And now, with sordid oil interests eager for the continued British occupation of Mosul, most excellent Christian reasons for this course are being put forward by the present Archbishop of Canterbury. It is a fortunate coincidence for the oil interests.

If their propaganda is anything like up to the standard of our official war propaganda, as revealed by recent disclosures, they will see to it that his Grace is well supplied with stories of Turkish brutality against the Christians, without being too meticulously careful as to what is true and what is false!

But I warn the Bishops that in this case they are likely to be disappointed. If they expect the people of this country to be ready to make sacrifices, and fight if need be, for the Iraq Christians, the reverend gentlemen are asking too much.

The Archbishop says he speaks for

Mr. Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

thousands. I, as a man of the people claim that I am interpreting the mind not of thousands, but of millions, when I say that Britain ought to clear out of Iraq.

Soldiers in lawn sleeves

It is time there was a little plain speaking to High Church dignitaries and others who are prone to indulge in outbursts which involve great sacrifices, not for themselves, but for others.

If Britain hangs on in Iraq, for the alleged sake of the Iraq Christians, and war with Turkey ensues, it will not be the blood of Archbishops and Bishops which will be spilled on the desert sands, but that of the British soldier.

As one of my ex-Service comrades said to me the other day, "If the Bishops want to fight the old Turk over Iraq, let them go and take on the job themselves."

Humbugs in High Places

by **The Rev. A. WELLESLEY ORR, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Kingston Hill**

CIVILISATION has produced conditions so artificial that it seems impossible to live under them without acting, or to succeed without playing a part.

We see women painted and powdered like carmined flour-bins, and lawyer-politicians able to argue either side of the question with equal earnestness, and vote in accordance with the Party whips.

We have strong men as dole-fed loungers, and authors and playwrights who present vice disguised as virtue. All these are merely the products of an artificial age where humbug and hypocrisy are allowed to thrive.

Of the sins denounced by Jesus Christ the foremost was hypocrisy! "*Woe unto you, hypocrites!*" He roared with laughter at praying men, hanging on to their bundles of goods, swollen by preying on their fellow-men, and like laden camels striving to get through the gate into the Kingdom of Love.

We want Churchpeople to see that it is their life outside the Church which counts most.

THE present difficulty is not that too many people are outside the Church, but that too many who are in it are professing but not practising. We have got to regard as a Christian not the person who sings the loudest or prays the longest, but the person who lives the highest. The life inside the Church is for the purpose of keeping up our ideals and finding and obtaining the power of the Spirit.

Humbug and hypocrisy thrive on words. The man who talks most appears to rule the roast and the nation is at the mercy of humbugs and hypocrites. Many of the leaders are honest, but in the main the honest worker does not direct the trade union, the sincere and simple man of God has not the greatest chance of promotion in Church work, and the straightforward citizen does not readily become a Member of Parliament.

THOSE leaders who are honest were not chosen for their honesty. Under present conditions it is only by an accident that such honest men as the late Will Crooks (the finest man that ever lived), the Bishop of Southwark, the late Lord Roberts, and Stanley Baldwin reach the position of leadership.

It appears that the M.P. must be versed in sophistry rather than endued with honesty of purpose, and a deanery demands a man of polished intellectual attainments rather than a plain and honest fellow who brings inspiration and comfort into the lives of human beings.

One of the most appealing ceremonies ever devised was the burial of an "unknown" soldier in Westminster Abbey. It was the canonising of the ordinary man, who had done his bit for his country without fuss—just an honest man. It was an expression of disdain for the O.B.E. which might be bestowed on some profiteering self-advertiser at home. So was it, perhaps, a recognition of the folly of bestowing the V.C. on one where all deserved it.

The enthusiasm with which popular opinion revelled in this idea revealed the real admiration which exists beneath the surface for the honest, unknown, commonplace man who lives his life and does his work just where others need and demand it, instead of where he prefers it to be. That wonderful reception of this idea is a bright spot amid the humbug of our day.

Below the surface, buried by artificiality and veneer, lies a real human craving for honesty in social life. Can the Church reach this?

IT is not for the Church to deal with the technical details of our social problems, which are best left to experts. While keeping such urgent and extensive problems as housing, unemployment and industrial strife vividly before the people, its real business is to bring above ground the buried desire for honesty in all departments of life.

By teaching men and women to practise it, and so create that clean atmosphere in which humbug, hypocrisy and lies must die, the Church will ensure that the next are honest men.

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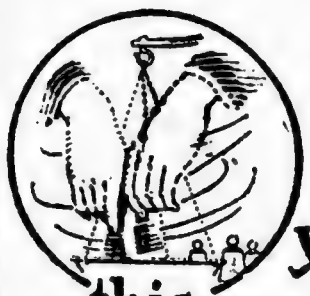

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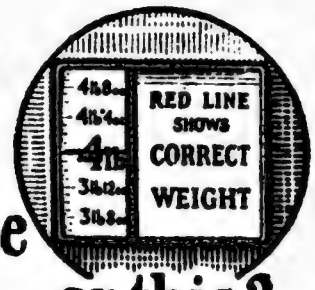

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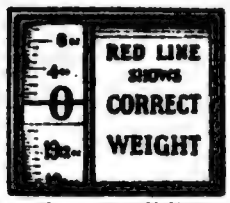

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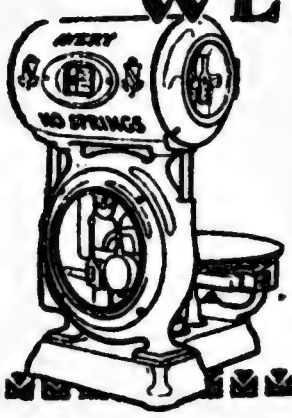

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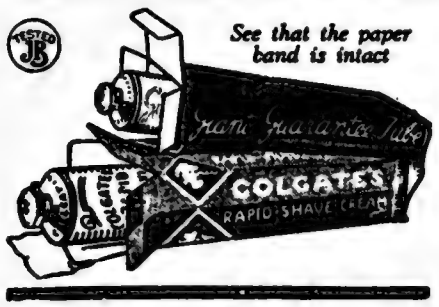

In Sunshine Ward

THE MIRACLE OF "No. 7"

The Drama of the Unknown Patient

by PHILIP INMAN

IF I had my way I would take all those who are possessed by the fever of war through one of London's great hospitals. I would conduct them to a ward upon the door of which are the words, "Lest We Forget." I would say to them, "Behold the effects of your destructive lust."

If those people could gaze unmoved on such a scene there would be no difficulty in having them certified as criminal lunatics.

In that ward are men ravaged and ruined by the European cataclysm. Maimed, diseased, nerve shattered—each one is literally a human wreck.

To look upon such a spectacle makes one wonder why there should have to be so much talk about Protocols and Pacts. War should have destroyed itself long ago by its very ghastliness.

I WANT to tell of one of the patients in that ward. This man, known as "No. 7," was in a helpless and hopeless condition when he came into the hospital. He had been blown up in a mine-crater in France.

This poor fellow was a living illustration of the truth that war is hell. He had lost an arm and a leg; he was dumb and almost blind, and his face and head were so ghastly that he looked scarcely human.

Who he was or where he came from no one knew, and he himself was not in a condition to say.

I USED to think a good deal about this man. Sometimes when I saw him my imagination would run away with me. I could picture a little cottage home where the light had been dimmed and life had become desolate because of the loss of a husband and a father; I could see a woman gazing longingly upon the portrait of one who had become only a memory.

How near my imaginings were to the truth my story will show.

To the amazement of everyone, "No. 7" continued to live. He was fitted with an artificial arm and an artificial leg; his eyes and ears began to react as the result of the treatment upon them.

But more wonderful than all was the result of that modern miracle of medical science known as skin-grafting. In the process he became less hideous, and in six months he was almost normal again.

How he recovered his speech is another remarkable feature. One day the ward was visited by a member of the Royal Family, and permission was given for a flashlight photograph to be taken. The sudden flare of light took "No. 7" by surprise and he cried out in alarm.

From that time he commenced to talk, slowly and incoherently at first, and his mind returned from the shadows. After the exercise of much patience and perseverance he told us who he was and where he lived, and he enquired after his wife.

One of the sights which will always remain indelible in my mind is the reconciliation between "No. 7" and the woman who had for years mourned him as lost.

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IN the county of Kent, a mile away from a little village, there is a poultry-farm. There are beautiful flowers growing in the garden and a ceaseless chorus of song from the birds in the trees.

The owner of that place is "No. 7," and there he and his wife have made their new home. With a new light shining in her eyes the woman showed me a portrait of her husband hanging on the wall of the living-room.

Underneath had been written the words "He was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found."

The Sentence of the Court

Teachers and Screechers

"Stunting" Children's Minds

CHARGED with being concerned in a conspiracy to defraud Evangeline Josephine Jones, a minor, Lord Rothermere pleaded "Not guilty."

"This conspiracy," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "which is being conducted with a vehemence characteristic of the Rothermere Press, has been engineered with the object of depriving Evangeline (who was picked at random from thousands of youngsters of both sexes) of her right to a sound education.

"THE State is responsible for the minds no less than for the bodies of its citizens, and starved minds are as dangerous as empty stomachs; but the accused seems to imagine that the amount of nourishment obtainable from a penn'orth of tripe daily is about all of which the average plebeian mind stands in need.

"Once again the accused doffs his hat to France, because, he states, it spends much less upon education than we do. His scribes, however, omit to mention that the school population of France is only half that of Great Britain, and that the French schools are starved, their teachers ill-paid, and many of the schoolrooms horribly insanitary.

"English people are not likely to take their hats off to France or any other country which shirks its educational responsibilities, and English mothers will insist upon their children receiving a fair deal."

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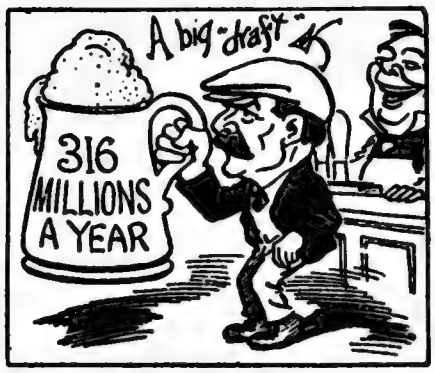
Mr. Lovat Phraser, for the defence, spoke for four and a half hours in two languages—English and Italics. He said that the present Government was *more Socialist than the Socialists*. The Minister of Education might *almost be described as a Communist*. He would not say that ignorance was invariably bliss, but a reasonable amount of ignorance in the Lower Orders was desirable, as it kept them in their proper stations and prevented the growth of *the pernicious doctrine that Jack is as good as his master*." All the average child need be taught was the 'three r's.'

"IF by 'the three r's' Mr. Phraser means rant, rancour and rhodomontade, readers of the *Daily Wail* have an excellent opportunity of learning them," said Mr. Justice Bull.

"I can understand that the principal proprietor of the *Daily Wail* has reason to fear the effect upon his dividends of a really educated democracy, but most of us hold that a nation of educated citizens is to be preferred to one of doped dunderheads, and that responsible teachers should be at least as well paid as the irresponsible screechers of Carmelite House.

"I must remind his lordship of the aphorism, 'It is only the ignorant who despise education.' So that he may have plenty of time to ponder this, and to practise hat-raising in his spiritual home, I sentence him to six months' hard labour in a French elementary school."

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles by FRANK HOLLAND



The sum we pay to Bung to-day
To fill the foaming flagon,
Suggests the thought that p'raps we ought
To try the "water-waggon."

Damascus town is battered down,
Not by the Kaiser's henchmen,
Those brutal Huns with long-range guns
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Words Winged to Women

LILIES OF THE PAVEMENT

The Guilt of the Silent Prude

by **MABEL HORNER**

ON a recent Sunday evening listeners heard a sermon on helpfulness broadcast from St. Martin's Church, Trafalgar Square. Helpfulness, it was shown, is an affair of the spirit. It maintains the sympathetic as against the censorious attitude to life; it is slow to condemn, swift to forgive. Above all it seeks to understand the forces that hedge about the difficult path of the sinner.

In such a spirit must women consider the problem of fallen girls, those whom the preacher from St. Martin's referred to as "the poor children," who in Leicester Square, and other of London's notorious night-haunts, drift along the pavements, without a real friend or a decent home.

Because this problem is difficult, women have salved their consciences by making it taboo; it was not to be mentioned in polite society, an attitude assumed even by royalty when one of our noblest social workers sought to interest Queen Victoria in the work she was doing for fallen women. That august lady, instead of proving helpful, was silent, and showed a deeply offended mien.

The nation's canker

To-day we are wiser. In place of being self-righteously shocked, we are troubled. We know there are two partners to the sin of immorality, and are aware that if a woman is bad a man also has been vile.

Thus, when Queen Mary visited a maternity hospital she desired to see the unmarried as well as the married mothers, and spoke to the deserted girls as one woman to another.

But the problem of girls on the streets stands in a category apart. There are many of these girls; in London alone the number is computed as anything up to eighty thousand. Women must not pass the question by. It concerns them too closely; it concerns every woman with sons and daughters at home.

They must picture this desolation in the mass; see it as one endless procession of young womanhood, going along the road to the inevitable end of disease and death.

Common sense will realise this prostitution of girlhood for what it is, a canker eating at the very heart of the nation. For on the women of any country, their character, their freedom from disease, the future of the race must depend.

Stemming the tide

It is shallow to speak of girls of the street as hardened sinners flaunting and glorying in wickedness; it is not out on the pavements such women are. To think of those who flit like night moths along the city squares as there because of a love of finery and ease is to form an opinion having no relation to the facts.

I have closely questioned those whose whole life is spent in noble endeavour to save these girls, who go out at midnight to seek them and offer help.

Commissioner Adelaide Cox, when I told her I was about to write this article, gave me her analysis of years of experience. She thinks some older women may deliberately choose this life when they are penniless and have lost hope; but girls, never.

Girls who are on the streets have drifted there, just drifted, and here is her summary of the reasons:—In every case they are victims—of bad homes, of lack of occupation, of some man's betrayal, of circumstances over which they have no control.

And lastly, *always*, because they have not been given by their mothers the necessary knowledge of life.

Commissioner Adelaide Cox, Leader of the Women's Social Work in Great Britain and Ireland

Now you see why I write. It is to urge women to be courageous with truth. A few noble women, like Commissioner Cox, may undertake to rescue, but all women may help to prevent. The tide of recruits to this terrible army of desolation may be stemmed.

The end of the road

Modern children are intelligent; they demand plain speaking. Honest teaching will explain to them the meaning of the moral law, and warn them that its transgression brings loathsome disease, physical suffering and spiritual death.

Until that is done, upon the heads of those who know and "won't tell" lies the suffering and guilt of these thousands of girls who—just drift.

Our Titled Ostriches

by **DR. MARIE STOPES** *(President of the Society for Constructive Birth Control and Racial Progress, Author of "Married Love")*

DR. STOPES will write a series of articles on topics of vital interest to women. She invites correspondence, and readers' queries addressed to her at this office will be dealt with if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

ONE of the reproaches that could well be directed against middle-class women is that, while they themselves have benefited by the knowledge of personal hygiene and the power it gives them to regulate their own families in proportion to their health and means, they have done very little to help their poorer sisters to the same knowledge.

I shall never forget, when sitting on a commission, hearing a certain noble lady, who opposed birth-control information for the poor, saying, "If we did that *where* should we get our servants?"

I used her remark in the commission scene of my play, "Our Ostriches," and regularly every night it brought down the house with a roar of laughter. I was accused of caricaturing the opponents of birth control, but I heard that titled lady say those words with my own ears.

TO try to do something to remove the reproach of callousness from my own class, I was eager to found with my husband the first birth-control clinic in Britain, but I am more eager to see organised and thoughtful womanhood all over the country taking up the subject.

This is one of the reforms women must now set themselves to win by the vote and to hammer their will into the community. It's a woman's question.

I have already mentioned (see JOHN BULL, October 24) that almost unanimous delegate meetings of the Labour women have demanded the release of knowledge for their own class, and how their own men overruled and flouted them.

That was common knowledge, though its significance has not been fully realised. I have to-day some wonderfully good news not yet common knowledge.

THE National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship is about to announce that those who control its programme will place birth control in the list of reforms receiving their immediate Parliamentary attention.

This is a magnificent thing, for the National Union is not a mere single society; it is a union of societies of women of all classes.

The National Union has branches all over the country and these branches will now speedily be informed of the executive committee's intention to make efforts to get the Government to understand that women are *determined* to get birth-control knowledge released.

The local branches of the National Union will be encouraged to approach their own M.P.s and make them realise that it is not the demand of a few cranks, but of intelligent women of all grades.

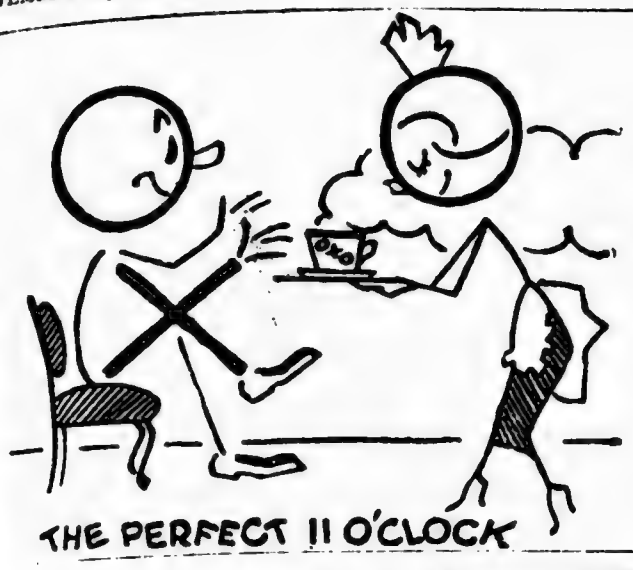
While this matter concerns the Labour women pre-eminently, because it is they who will benefit by the cessation of Government repression, so long as they are the only politically organised women to demand it, the present Conservative Government can burke the issue by pretending it is a Party cry.

Birth control is far too big for any one Party to handle; it demands not Party politics, but *all-Party* statesmanship.

After the efforts of a number of years in bringing forward Bill after Bill, the National Union have at last got two of their important Bills passed in the Guardianship of Infants Act and also an Act to improve the summary jurisdiction in separation and maintenance.

These two Acts release a vast amount of energy, now available for work on behalf of birth control.

SUPERFICIAL critics of the woman voter have sometimes said that women have no united feelings about anything. They will learn their mistake when the true voice of womanhood speaks in no uncertain tones about the most important subject before the country



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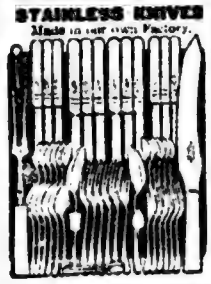

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"If any poor child was regarded as predestined to be damned, then surely I was that child. My mother's sin was constantly held before me, and that I should be like her went without saying—in fact, I think the prayer of these two old folk was, 'O Lord, punish the child!'

"My life was one great struggle. At the age of twelve I bade farewell to these hard, bitter old people, who had never given me a kind word in my life.

"At the request of distant relatives in U.S.A., who thought I would come in useful to assist them and so save paying wages, I was packed off to strange people in a strange land. I grew accustomed to hard work from five in the morning until twelve at night. For three years I was left to this fate, receiving only my food and a change of clothing.

"ONE day I saw an advertisement for a nurse, and I decided to go and see the advertiser. I was engaged, and taken to a large city thirty miles away, where I was treated with every consideration, until death took away the only friend I had. The few dollars I had soon went, and once again I was homeless, friendless and penniless.

"I applied to a shipping office for a position as stewardess. For six months I followed the sea, and then took up light duties in one of the company's offices in England.

That I had many offers of an easy life if I would only sacrifice my chastity goes without saying. But my mother's fate, and the old woman's prayer or curse were ever before me.

"It was just at this time that a man frequented our office on business, often bringing me books and paying me considerable attention. He would often take me to church or to the parks. It is small wonder, then, that I said 'Yes' when he asked me to marry him.

"FOR twelve months I was supremely happy. My husband's love knew no bounds, and our home—ah, what a love nest it was! Then one day he was brought home dead and another woman turned up to say, 'I am his wife. You can have his body.'

"Shall I ever forget that day? My pride was humbled and my faith shattered. My mother's fate was to be mine. In a few months the life that was coming to me would cause me inexpressible sorrow, and I had been looking forward to it with joy. Now, alas, what was to become of me and my child!

"I decided to sell up my home and go to a strange place, there to wait the coming of the unwanted. No baby ever born was loved as I loved mine, illegitimate though he was.

"But what about the curse, the 'bastard's curse'? For five years I toiled honestly for my little son. Then, one day I met an old schoolmate's husband. As he was working in the same place as I was, he often used to call and give me his wife's letters to read. Sometimes I would give him some supper and he would go.

"But one morning I woke up and found I had been drugged and shamed. I was compelled to keep up my relations with him, for fear of losing my job.

"Another child was on the way. What could I do with two children, and this man's threats nearly driving me wild? At last I sent for his wife and told her the truth, and a few days later he left the district.

"NOW years have rolled away, and the children are men—men in every sense of the word, holding good positions, where the curse of illegitimacy cannot harm them. I, their unfortunate mother, after years of sorrow and misery, am happy in the love of my sons.

"I wonder what you think. Do you think that the curse followed me, or that I am a sinful woman, who brought all this upon myself and deserve no sympathy? Judge not, that ye be not judged!"

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"ON coming out of hospital, after an operation, I found it necessary to get assistance to look after the flat occupied by my father and myself, as I knew it would be some time before I should be on my feet. Through neighbours I got into touch with a girl of fifteen, who came in daily to help.

The Dangerous Age

"After a few weeks I noticed that food put back for another meal had a way of disappearing, but I did not say much about this, for I gathered that the girl had come from a poverty-stricken home, and was probably often so hungry that it was difficult for her to resist temptation.

"After a while, she left me for a permanent situation, and now that I am recovering my strength and looking over my things, I find that her dishonesty extended much further than the mere pilfering of food, and that she has taken a good many articles of clothing and some bed-linen.

"She promised to come and see me as soon as possible after she got settled in her new place, but she has not been, and since missing so many things, I can quite understand the reason she keeps away. I am wondering whether I should prosecute her, for I think she ought to be punished for such dishonesty.

"Humanist" says:—*The girl is at a dangerous age, when a little kindness and sympathy may have the desired effect, whereas harshness may render her callous and drive her to a criminal career. Rather than prosecute her, I would advise you to get into touch with her, tell her what you have discovered, and give her a sensible talking to which will induce her to mend her ways.*

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"I happened to speak to him one day about the desirability of marriage. He told me that he had no intention of ever encumbering himself with a wife.

"Please do not think that I wish to stop anybody from making their lives happy together, but this does not seem a proper way of going on, to my thinking.

"I have had thoughts of giving the widow notice to quit, as I don't quite know how otherwise to put a stop to a situation which I do not feel is right.

"You will greatly oblige me if you will give me your opinion."

"Humanist" says:—*I think that widows who have been bereaved through the War are deserving of all possible sympathy, and, knowing how terribly lonely life must be for them, I think you should make quite sure that this woman is doing wrong before you add to her difficulties by giving her notice to quit. You might, however, point out to her that she should be careful to avoid all appearance of evil, so as not to give rise to suspicions which, if proved well founded, might result in the loss of her pension.*

A Mother's Despair

"Through ignorance of the world, I became a mother at the age of sixteen. The court ordered the man to pay 5s. a week, but he has neglected to do so. I know he is not without money, for he has since married another woman. I have thought of sending my baby to his house for him to keep, but I am afraid it would not be taken in. What can I do?"

"Humanist" says:—*You must on no account desert your child, or you will find yourself in a still worse position. You should go to the court which made the affiliation order, and ask for it to be enforced.*

An Impenitent Thief

"For a long time my employer has suffered from thefts, and some time ago I accidentally discovered the culprit. I promised that I would not give him away if he stopped his wrongdoing. For a time he went straight, but he has commenced stealing again, and I am wondering whether I should not tell my employer."

"Humanist" says:—*If the thief remains impenitent after you have warned him against the consequences of his wrongdoing, I think you should tell your employer and leave it to him to deal with the culprit as generously as circumstances allow.*

Double Affliction

"A single woman who occupied an unfurnished room in my house was some time ago taken to a mental hospital, after I had suffered great worry owing to her strange ways. I understand that she has improved in health, and may shortly be discharged. So far as I know, she has no relatives, and her furniture is still in the house. I fear my health may break down if there is any further trouble. Do you think I should have her back?"

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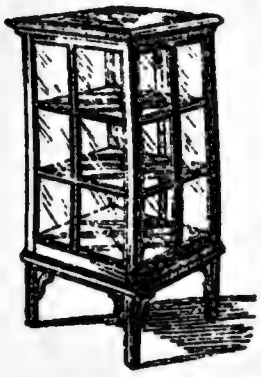

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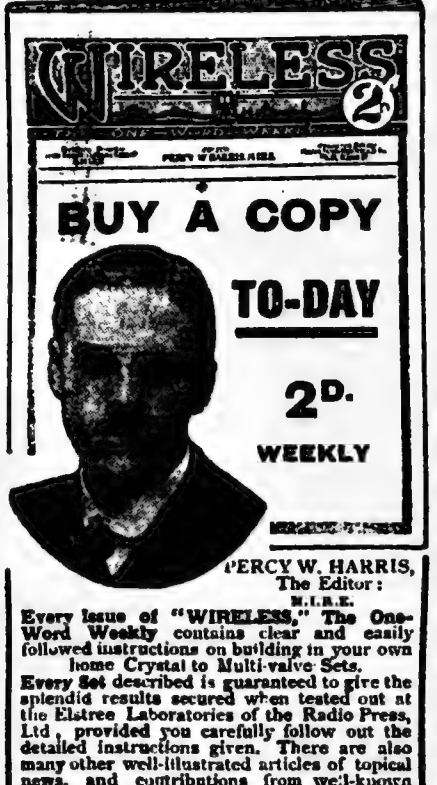

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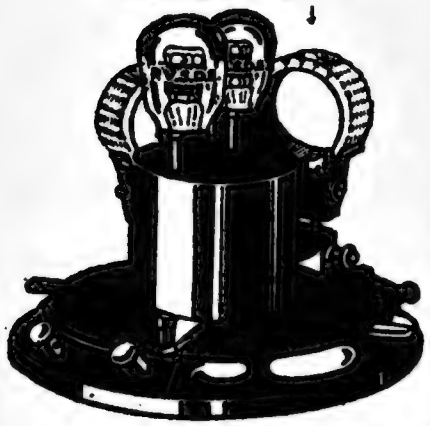

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Jack and his Master

Mr. H. J. Greenwall states that the reason why the American worker, and employer incidentally, are better off than their British cousins is simply because, in the States, capital co-operates with labour. But why does not capital co-operate with labour here? Precisely for the reason that it would be *infra dig.* for capital to do so. In America Jack is as good as his master, but in Britain it is different. Because Jack works he is inferior, and not of the same class as the superior person who employs him. With such a footing co-operation can never be established. Capital must step down off its perch and admit that Labour is as good as itself. Until this happens we shall never be so well off as the Yanks.—*Labourer, Elgin.*

Britain's Handicap

The Americans have certainly given Mr. H. J. Greenwall some good advice to pass on to us. But if America is so interested in our welfare cannot she offer us some material assistance? Do the Americans forget that in order to pay the huge debt due to their country the British citizen is in the unhappy predicament of having a weight about his legs that checks his "keep moving" desire? It is doubtful if America, boasting of so much "hustle," could shoulder Britain's burden and still keep moving at all.—*Reader, London.*

Give Youth a Chance

Mr. H. J. Greenwall's article on why the American beats the British workman to a frazzle every time is at once sane and illuminating. It is also due to the American employer to say that he is always willing to give a man the chance to show what he is capable of, be he experienced or not, an example the English employer would do well to emulate. America being a comparatively young country believes in giving youth a chance. If England prefers the old fogies, is it to be wondered at that the young men betake themselves to a land of greater opportunities?—*L. J., Shoreham.*

Hand or Machine

Students of economics noted long ago that American prosperity increased considerably from the time she dispensed with the hand craftsman and installed mass-production plant in his place. To-day, in many industries, Great Britain still persists with the hand craftsman. If it is lack of capital that prevents the most efficient machinery being installed surely a subsidy from the Government would be of more value here than in several other industries it appears determined to subsidise.—*M. M. J., Filey.*

The Industrial Handicap

Like many more occasional economists, Mr. H. J. Greenwall has overlooked the principal and most obvious factors contributing to America's industrial prosperity. There is ample employment and high wages for everyone because of the huge natural resources of the country, and the immediate market for the products of the United States within her own borders. Without either exports or imports, the country would still be prosperous. It is childish to suggest that the posting of "move along" notices all over England would solve our unemployment problem. In a race for a job, the average unemployed Briton could give four furlongs in the mile to the swiftest American who ever hustled.—*Adam Smith, Leeds.*

Mutual Trust

If only our workmen (or rather a section of them) would repeat that American slogan, "No loitering, keep moving," and remember it, we should be equal to any country in the world. Instead I have seen "No moving," "Keep loitering" done to a big extent in places where I have worked. JOHN BULL could not possibly be the huge success it is if all from editor to errand-boy did not work in harmony. If master and employee trust each other, the dollars will jingle in old England just as tunefully as in America. —*G. B., South Shields.*

Share the Profits

It is obvious that if the big employers in this country contributed to the theory of a profit-sharing basis, our workers wouldn't be slow to show their mettle, and be prepared to share in the ups and downs in trade. Mr. Greenwall's remark that the majority of Britishers are unconcerned about the situation in our country may be briefly answered by the millions interested in JOHN BULL.—*C. A. W., Leith.*

Criminal Apathy

I should like to congratulate Dr. Jesse Holmes on his article in last week's JOHN BULL. All sane people must realise that war doesn't pay, yet there are many who will allow us to be dragged into "the next war" by a few to whom the sufferings of universal humanity, during the last ten years, has apparently meant nothing.—*Mrs. T., Camberwell.*

The Eye's Vision

Whilst reading Dr. Jesse Holmes' article in a train, reaching the phrase where it is stated that war-graves "laid side by side would recross the United States five times," my eye wandered to the opposite track and immediately the sleepers were transformed into those graves. To me it was eerie, and the picture was completed by the wheels moaning—"All dead, all dead, all dead." I would recommend all readers to measure out even a few hundred yards of track. Only by doing so can they have an idea of war's terrible cost.—*R. Collins, Leyton.*

Sentimental Gush

The voluntary system for the maintenance of hospitals is a disgrace to the country, and Sir Arthur Stanley is guilty of sentimental gush in advocating it. The standard of its health is the country's biggest responsibility, and every approved hospital should most certainly be State-controlled and assured of a sound basis which spasmodic charity cannot bestow. To the man endowed with clear vision and conception of the rudiments of business, it is a blot on British administration.—*H. W. S., Cornforth.*

Work for Disabled

Mr. A. G. Gardiner asserts that at least a third of the unemployed are unemployable. To my mind, no person, however disabled, is unemployable, and in a well-organised community useful work could be found for even them to do. Even these people were employed during the War, and Mr. Ford, in his recent articles in JOHN BULL, proved how even the best-ridden invalid could be usefully employed at good wages.—*Unemployed, Sunderland.*

More Light!

Mr. Philip Inman's "An Embankment Miracle" certainly opens a vital thought —Do we receive help at critical times from others who have passed away? A short time ago Mr. Inman, after being himself near the Valley of the Shadow, wrote, "Why is it that those who were dear to us seem near us at these times? Are they always near us? JOHN BULL can now draw from over a million opinions or experiences. These should throw some light on a subject that would prove the greatest step towards the moral reform of the whole world.—*H. H., Birmingham.*

Business Bunkered

Mr. F. E. Powell, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce, tells us that the English business man has lost the spirit of adventure which gave England commercial success. It is up to the business men to disprove this by making a concerted action to recover our lost markets, for the future of this country depends upon her success in the commercial sphere. Unfortunately, many business men know more about golf than their own business.—*W. Lord, Liverpool.*

Headway at Last

What a boon and blessing it is to know that we have such a friend-to-the-poverty-stricken woman as Dr. Marie Stopes. Many I know have within the last year or so been able to make headway at last, and it does one good to see the difference in their homes. Cheery, bright little gardens are springing up where there was once a muddy yard, and kiddies who once sat on the kerbstone and played are now dressed and taken to play in the parks.—*Happy Mother, London.*

Protect Men, Too

That women should be protected by the law from men is, of course, of vital importance; but what about men? Quite recently a respectable City man was prosecuted for an alleged assault on a woman in a kinema. After suffering the humiliation, the defendant was discharged, as it was found that the woman's evidence could not be accepted. But surely, perjury proceedings should have been instituted. So much reliance is usually placed by magistrates on the evidence of the women that when a female is found to be bringing a charge which she cannot support a severe example should be made of her. *P. G., London.*

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Radio Talks.

Ills of the Accumulator

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WHENEVER a bright emitter valve set is in use it is necessary to maintain the filament of the valve at a high temperature. This is usually accomplished by means of accumulators.

The accumulator is subject to a number of ills and as it is an expensive piece of apparatus care should be taken to avoid these troubles as far as possible.

A cell built for a heavy discharge rate will rapidly become sulphated if it is only called upon to furnish, say, 60 milliamperes for a single dull emitter valve.

The recently discovered preparation, called "Ceitonic," is a solvent for lead sulphate, and by its use a sulphated cell can be quite easily cleaned and restored to its original condition.

To keep accumulators in proper condition requires very little trouble and the apparatus is cheap. Firstly, a hydrometer is needed; it can be purchased for 2s., and simply tells us the specific gravity of the liquid and gives us a visible indication of the amount of the "charge" in the accumulator.

Most important of all is that accumulators should never be allowed to remain in a discharged condition for any length of time. Charge little and often is a good rule.

THERE is a third piece of apparatus known as the electrolytic rectifier, in which the properties of certain metals of the aluminium character and various liquids are used to act as a valve to pass the charging current from the alternating main.

There is a simple device of the latter type known as the Balkite, and as the cost is £4 15s., the price should be saved in a very short time.

The B.T.H. Company make a rectifier, known as the Tungar, in which a valve is fitted so designed that only a one-direction current can pass through it for transference to the accumulator.

The Phillips is another excellent device which only requires plugging in to the ordinary alternating house supply and connecting up to the accumulators.

One of the cheapest chargers on the market is known as the Compacto. For mechanical simplicity it takes a lot of beating, while for £2 15s. it should be within the reach of most wireless enthusiasts.

FOR those who have direct current supplied to their houses there are several alternatives. In the first place, where one accumulator is to be charged, the rotary type of machine is within the reach of most amateurs.

It is quite possible to connect the cell in circuit with the house supply so that every time a light is switched on a small current passes through the battery. The "Ulinkin" charger operates on this principle.

There are several machines on the market known as "Trickle Chargers," in which this principle is used by tapping off a very small current from the house supply through special alloy resistances.

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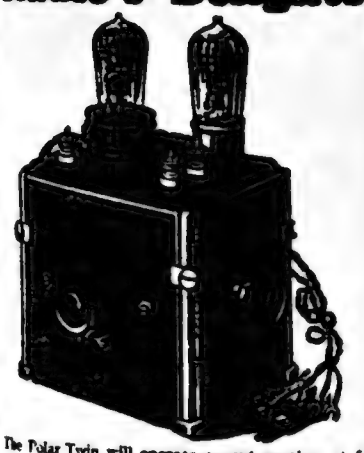

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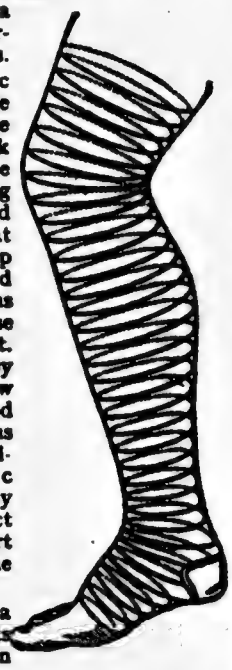

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A Long-Shot for Liverpool

The Monk's Good Chance—Waiting for the Gimcrack Speech—Layers' Luck—A Tetrarch Hurdler and Stayer—Two to Follow

THE Liverpool Autumn Cup acceptance should be an eye-opener to the speculators who stepped in where wise men feared to tread, and took a few long prices. When over half the entry of a handicap fails to accept, and weights are raised as much as 15lbs.—thank heaven this does not often occur—the complexion of a handicap is altered entirely.

Bullock on Cross Bow

Before the acceptance I thought the race looked good for Warden of the Marches, but with the weights advanced, Frank Bullock can ride Cross Bow. The combination is bound to be dangerous. I think the race rests between these two, The Monk and Conquistador, provided Lord Derby's three-year-old will race. In the Cambridgeshire he decided not to.

The Best Each-way Long-shot

The Monk is a genuine customer as an each-way long shot. With his original weight of 6 st. 10 lb. I should not have mentioned him, but at 7 st. 11 lb. Wragg can have the leg up. Earl's clever jockey has ridden the horse in seventeen races this season—in fact, in every event in which he has taken part. They ought to be well acquainted. I intend to code my final selection.

The Real Gimcrack

Sir Abe Bailey, whose Lex credited him with the Gimcrack Stakes will be the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the club. Sir Abe is a keen racing man and should put forward some much-needed reforms. I could suggest dozens, but I am never likely to win the Gimcrack. This popular race was named after a remarkable horse owned by a lady. Gimcrack captured a number of races in England and France. On one occasion he won a large sum of money for his connections by galloping twenty-two miles in under an hour. I doubt whether Forseti could accomplish this feat.

Sir Abe Bailey, the owner of Lex, the winner of the Gimcrack Stakes

Layers' Luck

The will of Mr. G. W. Smith, "George Drake," the North Country bookmaker, drives home once more the fact that the bookie wins in the long run. Mr. G. W. Smith left over £130,000. The combined estates of five well-known layers who have died during the past few years total over £3,000,000. Mr. Joe Pickersgill's share of this was £746,000 and Mr. George Herring's £1,371,000. There is no need to open your purse when you hear a bookmaker moaning.

A French Failure

It is only human, I suppose, to be glad to be able to record a French failure on top of recent successes. I refer to the fact that during Cesarewitch week the French made a strong bid for some of our best jockeys whom they are anxious to take across the Channel next season either for permanent or week-end riding engagements. In every case the offers were turned down, although the terms were fairly attractive. It was the feeling, accentuated since the Grand Prix spill of last year, that "accidents will happen" to the unwanted jockey that influenced some of the refusals, and I fancy a similar feeling was not far from the mind of "Steve" when he decided that he would not be in the saddle regularly in France next year.

Tetrarch Hurdlers

Princeps, a Tetrarch horse, who has been performing on the flat, was tried out recently as a hurdler. I noticed a statement to the effect that very few, if any, entire horses by the "spotted wonder" have been put to jumping. Glass Idol, sired by The Tetrarch, did fairly well over hurdles, and later on won the Great Met. on the flat, but perhaps Glass Idol was a freak. In this particular case the "spotted wonder" sired a hurdler and a genuine stayer.

Dead and Done For

One of my readers in Limerick sent me this little racing story. I think it will raise a smile, even if you have had a bad week. A well-known character, who did not appear to be blessed with his fair share of the world's good things, managed to turn up at every race-meeting. To judge by his clothes he had not spotted a winner the whole season and, as occasion demanded, his suit was turned, re-turned, dyed, and re-dyed. One morning he was spotted by a group of racing men as he entered Broadstone Station, Dublin, to take the train to the Mullingar races. "Old Joe's had his coat dyed again," two or three remarked. The bookmaker in the group laughed: "Dyed? Why, it's bally well dead!"

Thamyris is Worth Watching

A packet was lost by the Epinard people over Thamyris, who failed in a selling race on Cambridgeshire day owing to indifferent jockeyship. The horse, who has been tubed, is staying on here, and it will be surprising if the money does not come back before the season ends. Don't pay too much attention to the people who say the horse barely gets five furlongs. His victories in France have been over six-furlong courses, and he is fast.

Another Invader Staying

When Onyx III. was being boosted for the Cesarewitch I told you the horse was more likely to win over the sticks. Onyx can make Turf history under National Hunt rules. He is good as a 'chaser as well as a hurdler and has fine form in his own country.

FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK.

FIDDLE, won 4 to 1, and The Monk, second, 8 to 1, was the code double on the opening day at Windsor. Fiddle will score again, if given another chance before the curtain descends, and The Monk may fill one of the Minor places in the Liverpool Autumn Cup.

POOR NED, my code selection for the Cowlings Selling Handicap at Newmarket, took the honours of the race, but not the stake money. He lost a couple of lengths at the start and later on was bumped badly. The youngster did well to finish third.

ORMUZD is my long-shot for the Manchester November Handicap. The gelding was almost knocked over in the Cesarewitch.

Barrie Boy was the unluckiest loser at Birmingham. He was baulked by the winner of this race, Balderston, at a critical stage. Note the horse for a selling handicap.

MERMAID.—Continue to follow this speedy mare. She suffered at the start of Dalnamein's race at Birmingham. Getting on terms with the winner took too much out of her, but she ran well.

I did not see much of the foggy racing at A.P.—nobody did—but I am convinced that Golden Clear will be doing the code selections a good turn before the season ends. This was his first appearance. He was very heavily backed and ran well.

Don't forget that Lord Derby specialises in Liverpool Cups. Conquistador ran stones below his best form in the Cambridgeshire.

THE END OF THE FIGHT

(The Farewell Handicap is decided at Lingfield on Saturday, November 21.)

Seconds, out of the ring!
The last, last round is on.
Oh, death, where is thy sting?
Another season has gone!

Let punters purchase crepe
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"Soccer"

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3 DRAWN.—Liverpool v. West Bromwich, Wolves v. Chelsea, Halifax v. Crewe.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Bradford, Chesterfield, Glasgow Rangers, Lincoln, Falkirk.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Chesterfield, Plymouth, Queen's Park Rangers v. Millwall.

FORECASTS FOR NOVEMBER 21

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION I.).

HOME WINNERS.—Birmingham, Blackburn, Bury, Cardiff, Huddersfield, Manchester C., Sunderland, Tottenham, West Bromwich.

AWAY WINNER.—Aston Villa.

DRAW.—Sheffield United v. Leeds.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION II.)

HOME WINNERS.—Chelsea, Darlington, Derby, Notts Forest, Oldham, Port Vale, Southampton.

AWAY WINNERS.—Preston, Sheffield Wednesday.

DRAWN.—Barnsley v. Portsmouth, Clapton v. Wolverhampton.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION III.—Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Coventry, Crewe, Doncaster, Lincoln, New Brighton, Southport, Wigan, Wrexham.

AWAY WINNERS.—Bradford, Grimsby.

DRAW.—Nelson v. Chesterfield.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION III.—Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdare, Brentford, Bristol C., Crystal Palace, Norwich, Plymouth, Southend, Watford.

AWAY WINNER.—Swindon.

DRAWN.—Brighton v. Reading, Millwall v. Bristol Rovers.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Aberdeen, Celtic, Cowdenbeath, Dundee, Falkirk, Hibernians, Kilmarnock, St. Mirren.

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DRAW.—Queen's Park v. Airdrie.

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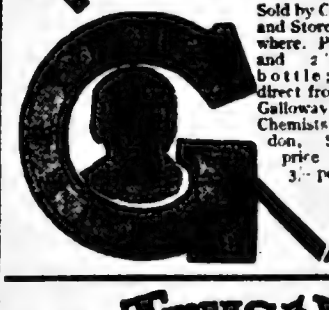

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John Bull Replies

THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are handled by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

WHEN in physical ill-health you consult a physician, knowing he can prescribe the best remedy. When in mental trouble you cannot do better than consult our Free Advice Service. As with the physician, so with our experts—they can give you the best advice.

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H. J. (Peterhead).—"Jazz consists of simple airs shorn of all melody." Jingles shingled, in fact.

L. H. (Small Heath).—"One of my remote ancestors was a pirate." And what are you? A taxi-driver?

T. L. L. (Wanstead).—"Why do you answer so many letters so briefly?" Because there are so many letters.

L. B. C. (Ely).—"Is the theatre elevating?" Well, it has wings and flies.

"COMPOSER" (Finchley).—"You'll soon hear all the girls singing my popular ditty, 'Glad Rags.'" That's nothing to make a song about.

L. T. (Edmonton).—"What class of workmen strike the most?" Blacksmiths.

G. J. (Bayswater).—"You have morning tea in your office, I presume." You do.

B. L. (Brighton).—"He is interested in a labour-saving scheme." Marrying money?

T. Y. (Bolton).—"If I want some money from my husband I sing to him." Part songs?

B. L. (Cardiff).—"Exercise will kill germs." But it's hard to get the little beggars to take up the dumb-bells.

J. A. (Hammersmith).—"I am regarded as a very promising writer." Then please promise not to write any more.

T. G. (Ilchester).—"Love, they say, is blind." But not stone blind on the woman's side when it comes to choosing the ring.

B. L. (Chorley).—"I have composed a cross-word puzzle which nobody can solve." And our politicians produced the Rent Act.

E. S. (Lewisham).—"Who wrote that absurd song 'It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo'.'?" We forget—but it *ought* to have been Ananias.

B. L. (Wardour Street).—"Cinema films are boiled down to make glue." We thought that ultimately a good use would be found for them.

B. M. (York).—"Sometimes I'm so busy digging in the flower-bed that I nearly miss my train." Then, we suppose, you tear up the garden-path.

B. B. T. (Partick).—"Some plays aren't very realistic." We saw one in which the servant didn't give notice during the entire performance.

H. J. F. (Barnes).—"Is the custom of American screen stars appearing personally at London theatres a good one?" Yes. They spend less time making films.

"AMBITIOUS" (Goodmayes).—"Can you tell me how I can get on to the stage." Unless you can sneak past the stage door-keeper, the only way is to climb over the footlights.

B. D. F. (Cambridge).—"I envy men who have been clever enough to take high honours at the 'Varsity." But you must remember that they only gained their position by degrees.

R. Y. (Margate).—"My daughter is to learn a musical instrument and wants me to choose which one." We suggest the cornet—then she won't be able to sing to her own accompaniment.

H. P. (Rochester).—"My boy, who was severely caned at school, wants me to take action against his schoolmaster." We can understand him finding it difficult to sit down under such treatment

S. S. (Oxford).—"Never say 'what' for 'which.'" Yes, but which what, and what which?

"READER" (Kenton).—"I read a great deal of fiction." We also peruse our newspapers.

D. E. J. (Davenport).—"I'll catch you out one day." You certainly will, whatever day you call.

H. F. (Broadstairs).—"I admire everything about your paper." The office boy would blush if he could.

GEORGE C. (Pontefract).—"There aren't many in this district like my wife." Whatever has she done to offend?

MURIEL (Bradford).—"We are getting up a tragedy and I am killed in the first act." That should delight the audience.

T. M. (Purley).—"It's safer to be silent." Quite true. Many a fish would still be in the river if it hadn't opened its mouth.

TOM P. (Liversedge).—"Our boss thinks nothing of working overtime and even Saturdays." Probably that's why he's boss.

JESSIE (Southampton).—"I was so ill I didn't want to live so they sent for the doctor." That wasn't very flattering to the doctor.

P. G. (Luton).—"There's nothing in the wide world I enjoy so much as a jolly good dinner." Isn't there a letter missing in your initials?

L. D. (Battersea).—"I was shown into a room with a table covered with books and some armchairs." "Some" table, we should say.

MRS. A. (Hanwell).—"I think the women should set to work to build houses." But how could they talk with their mouths full of nails?

Mrs. O. (York).—"A mother can't choose her daughter's lover, but she can encourage home courting." A case of sofa so good, so to speak.

E. C. (Wallasey).—"Our Christmas pudding looks like being a light-weight this year." Then why not make up with a heavy-weight *Bullets* Turkey. We're offering £50 this week.

S. C. (Bristol).—"Owing to my hard-up state, I can't have a new suit this autumn." Anyhow, you can be thankful it isn't owing to your tailor.

N. R. (Herne Bay).—"When I quietly opened the door at three o'clock in the mornnig my wife was waiting for me." Well, you let yourself in for it.

P. A. (Leicester).—"No aviator has ever been more than four miles high." He'd find it pretty hard to squeeze himself into his aeroplane if he were!

D. H. C. (Hammersmith).—"How is it that so many new papers fail to survive?" They all die of the same complaint—defective circulation in their infancy.

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G. M. B. (Hurley).—"Jackie Coogan is growing up." We all owe a debt to kindly Nature.

J. P. (Dartmouth).—"I never waste anything." Yes you do. Your ink and our time.

G. C. F. (Burnley).—"I write only as I think." In future write only when you think.

J. S. (Bridgend).—"I got into hot water this morning." We, too, like the chill off the tub in November.

J. H. (Rotherham).—"The last thing anybody should do is handle a gun carelessly." It often is.

MRS. G. (Kensington).—"My daughter is taking up the law." Whilst you, we suppose, only laid it down.

M. G. (Barnsley).—"At any rate, I know myself." We cannot congratulate you upon your acquaintance.

C. J. D. (Fleet Street).—"I despatched the office boy at once." We often feel inclined to do that to ours.

H. H. (Hampton Wick).—"I should like to get hold of my next-door neighbour's gramophone and smash it to bits." You seem to have got the needle from it already.

DORA J. (Pinehurst).—"The young men round here are sad flirts." They show you attention without any intention.

S. Y. (Plymouth).—"Is there food in the next world?" There are people who will be sure of getting something hot.

W. B. L. (Cambridge).—"He fell into a cucumber frame and has walked stiff ever since." He evidently got a pane in the leg.

CHAS. L. (Holbeck).—"I'm almost bald, but it doesn't worry me." Your letter revealed the fact that you have nothing on your mind.

DAVID E. (Tilehurst).—"I am coming to you for guidance." We'll give it to you now—about turn, and straight out through the door.

S. R. (Ealing).—"Our maid is always asking for afternoons off to play lawn-tennis." She gets quite a lot of "advantage out," it seems.

A. C. J. (Chelmsford).—"It has always been my ambition to become a man of letters." Go ahead then—but don't write them to us.

GLADYS P. (Swindon).—"The film story was so dreadfully pathetic that I sobbed aloud at the cinema." Such moving pictures seem a bit too much for you.

D. P. (Barnsley).—"We were devoted friends until one day I asked him for a small loan." And after that he ceased to reciprocate your touching affection.

ALICE C. (Newbury).—"He annoyed me so much with his attentions that I had to tell my fiancé, who is an auctioneer." Did he offer to knock him down?

SUITOR (Hammersmith).—"All I can get from her now is a quick glance and a shy smile." One day, perhaps, she'll see you properly and laugh outright.

MISS T. S. (Richmond).—"If I tremble at his approach and feel a strange thrill is it love?" It sounds to us more like the sensation one gets in the dentist's chair.

C. C. H. (Rochester).—"You'll admit you never saw an archangel editing a paper." We'll submit you never saw an archangel who wasn't editing a paper, either.

J. R. (Clapham).—"I would give anything to possess a deep, manly voice." Sorry we can't treat you to a big Bass.

Mrs. C. (Manchester).—"After all, what's a husband?" All that's left of a lover after the marriage ceremony.

H. R. (Brecon).—"I have made over £50 out of a patent cure for colds." That's certainly not to be sneezed at.

D. W. (Slough).—"Some men are able to distinguish colours by touch." Certainly many men know when they feel blue.

G. F. C. (Newbury).—"Once, when things were very bad, I actually contemplated blowing my brains out." How *could* you?

T. T. A. (Chester).—"To be a success, a man must go with the crowd." If he isn't in the swim, he may find himself on the rocks.

S. T. (Streatham).—"If there's any sort of epidemic about I catch it." We suppose there's no chance of you developing writer's cramp.

G. P. D. (Thetford).—"I confess I am afraid to cross a field where there are horned cattle of any kind." Tut-tut—you are too easily cowed.

ADA T. (Denton).—"After my cat has had his milk he jumps up on my knees and sleeps." His life seems to be just one lap after another.

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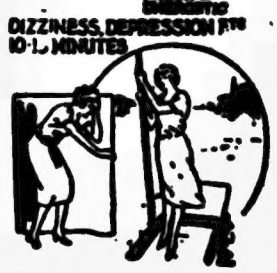

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